McDade, Mr. Callahan, Mr. Foley, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. WAMP, Mr. COX of California, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. BART-LETT of Maryland, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BUYER, Mr. WICKER, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. LoBiondo, Mr. HORN Mr KNOLLENBERG Mr RAMSTAD, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mrs. LINDA $\ensuremath{\mathsf{SMITH}}$ of Washington, Mr. Ryun, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. KLUG, Mr. McCollum, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Dun-CAN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. Thune, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Ms. Granger, Mr. Smith of Michigan, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Burr of North Carolina, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. BOYD, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. EHLERS):

H. Con. Res. 193. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the Attorney General should remove Hani El-Sayegh from the United States to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

H. Con. Res. 194. Concurrent resolution providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President; adopted pursuant to H. Res. 311.

By Ms. HARMAN (for herself, Mr. SAW-YER, Mr. REGULA, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Ms. Ros-Lehtinen, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MATSUI, and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD):

H. Con. Res. 195. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress in support of National Days of Dialogue associated with the national celebration of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to improve understanding and cooperation across race, ethnicity, culture, gender, religion and creed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado: H. Res. 317. A resolution providing for the agreement of the House to the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 2472, with an

amendment; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GEPHARDT:

H. Res. 318. Resolution relating to a question of the privileges of the House; considered and laid on the table.

By Mr. SOLOMON:

Res. 320. Resolution providing for a committee to notify the President of completion of business; adopted pursuant to H.

By Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts:

H. Res. 321. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that college and university administrators should adopt a code of principles to change the culture of alcohol consumption on college campuses; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

¶130.74 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as fol-

225. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to House Resolution No. 295 memorializing the Citizens' Committee of the United States Postal Service to consider and recommend to the United States Postal Service Board of Governors the issuance of a commemorative stamp honoring Richard Humphreys, Quaker, goldsmith and philanthropist, on the 160th Anniversary of the founding of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

226. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution 38 expressing support for a full, fair, and complete investigation of legal and ethical violations during the 1996 campaigns, and memorializing the President and the Congress to condemn all prejudice against Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, and to publicly support political and civic participation by these persons throughout the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

227. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution 32 memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to recognize the sacrifices and services rendered to our country by the Hmong-Lao veterans who served in the special guerrilla units that were allied with, and operating in support of, the military forces of the United States during the Vietnam War by granting those veterans and their families full United States citizenship; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

¶130.75 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 27: Mr. RIGGS.

H.R. 34: Mr. SUNUNU.

H.R. 225: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 251: Mr. Peterson of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 352: Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 409: Mr. Pappas.

H.R. 530: Mr. BEREUTER and Mr. CALVERT. H.R. 543: Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. DIXON, and Mr. HYDE.

H.R. 586: Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin.

H.R. 738: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 820: Ms. FURSE.

H.R. 979: Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin and Ms.

H.R. 992: Mr. DEAL of Georgia and Mr. HUTCHINSON.

H.R. 1151: Mr. ABERCROMBIE and Mr. SES-SIONS

H.R. 1289: Mr. YATES.

H.R. 1334: Mr. RIGGS and Ms. PELOSI. H.R. 1415: Mr. GOODLING.

H.R. 1519: Mr. STOKES.

H.R. 1525: Mr. McNulty.

H.R. 1591: Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. SNOWBARGER, and Mr. SCARBOROUGH.

H.R. 1628: Mr. KIM.

H.R. 1635: Mr. BAESLER, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. LEACH, Mr. COSTELLO, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. HIN-CHEY, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. HORN, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. SKAGGS.

H.R. 1822: Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1872: Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. STRICK-LAND, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. LINDER, Mr. DICKS, Mr. GREEN, and Mr.

H.R. 1891: Mr. Boehner.

H.R. 2053: Mr. Lofgren.

H.R. 2131: Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin.

H.R. 2174: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. H.R. 2229: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 2273: Mr. Stupak, Mr. Baesler, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, and Mr. HUTCH-

H.R. 2319: Mr. LUTHER.

INSON

H.R. 2321: Mr. RIGGS. H.R. 2335: Mr. CONDIT.

H.R. 2363: Mr. CABOT, Mr. DREIER, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. RYUN, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. SPENCE, and Mr. WICKER.

H.R. 2369: Mr. CAMPBELL.

H.R. 2391: Mr. KUCINICH, and Mr. McGov-

H.R. 2397: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 2436: Mr. LAFALCE.

H.R. 2483: Mr. Franks of New Jersey

H.R. 2500: Mr. ARMEY, Mr. BAESLER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BONO, Mr. BOYD, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. Снавот. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. Coble, Mr. Condit, Mr. Cook, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. COX of California, Mr. CRANE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. DREIER, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. FOLEY, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. Goode, Mr. Goodlatte, Mr. Goodling, Mr. GORDON, Mr. GOSS, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Hastert, Mr. Hefley, Mr. HILL, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HUTCH-INSON, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. JEN-KINS, Mr. JONES, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. KA-SICH. Mrs. KELLY. Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Is-Mr. KING of New land. York, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. LINDER, Ms. McCarthy of Missouri, Mr. Mee-Han, Mr. Metcalf, Mr. Moran of Virginia, Mrs. Myrick, Mr. Ney, Mrs. Northup, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PARKER, Mr. PAXON, Mr. PETER-SON of Minnesota, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. ROEMER, ROGAN, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SCAR-BOROUGH, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. Solomon, Mr. Spence, Mr. Sten-HOLM, Mr. TANNER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. TAU-ZIN, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WELLER, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. ARCHER, Mr. QUINN, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Ensign, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. STUMP, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. CAL-LAHAN, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. DELAY, Mr. GINGRICH, and Mr. LIVINGSTON. H.R. 2509: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 2524: Mr. ABERCROMBIE. H.R. 2593: Mrs. Lowey, Mr. Wamp, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BRADY, Mr. Knollenberg, Mr. Sensenbrenner, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MICA, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CANNON, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SOLOMON, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. PAXON, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. HORN, Mr. SALMON, Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado, Mr. NEY, Mr. STUMP, and Mr. RAMSTAD.

H.R. 2611: Mr. Blunt, Mr. Duncan, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. McKeon, Mr. Mica, Mrs. Linda Smith of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. RIGGS, and Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 2695: Mr. Bonior, Mr. Dellums, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. McGovern, Ms. Lofgren, Mrs. THURMAN, and Ms. MILLENDER-McDoNALD.

H.R. 2750: Mrs. THURMAN.

H.R. 2755: Mr. WAXMAN, Mrs. MINK OF HA-WAII, Mr. FRANK OF MASSACHUSETTS, Mr. FROST, Mr. WALSH, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. CAR-SON, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. BONIOR, and Mr.

H.R. 2760: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. RADANOVICH.

H.R. 2780: Mr. Campbell, Mr. Largent, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. WHITE, Mr. LATOURETTE, and Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 2819: Mr. HERGER and Ms. HARMAN.

H.R. 2820: Mr. CALVERT. H.R. 2821: Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

H.R. 2826: Ms. SLAUGHTER and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 2829: Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PARKER, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Ms. Stabenow.

H.R. 2846: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma and Mr. EHRLICH..

H.R. 2850: Ms. LOFGREN and Mr. STOKES..

H.R. 2858: Mr. GONZALEZ.

H.R. 2870: Mr. EWING.

H.R. 2921: Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. GREEN-WOOD, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. HILL, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. PACKARD, and Mr. BONILLA.

H.R. 2922: Mr. HUTCHINSON. H.R. 2929: Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 2938: Mr. MILLER of Florida and Mr. STEARNS.

H.R. 2940: Mr. BAKER.

H.J. Res. 99: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H. Con. Res. 41: Mr. LoBiondo.

H. Con. Res. 141: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington.

H. Con. Res. 156: Mr. CLEMENT and Mr. CAL-VERT.

H. Con. Res. 181: Mr. McGovern, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. LAZIO of New York.

H. Res. 119: Mr. ALLEN.

H. Res. 251: Mr. MANTON, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. ALLEN, and Ms. STABENOW.

H. Res. 279: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1997 (131)

¶131.1 DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO **TEMPORE**

The House was called to order by the SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, who laid before the House the following communication:

> WASHINGTON, DC, November 12, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS E. Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

¶131.2 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Sunday, November 9, 1997.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

¶131.3 COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

5878. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing transmitting the Service's final rule-Reduced Assessment Rates for Specified Marketing Orders [Docket No. FV97-922-2 FIR] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5879. A letter from the Acting Adminis-Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule-Kiwifruit Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV97-920-3 FIR] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5880. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, transmitting the Service's final rule-Tobacco Inspection: Subpart C-Standards [Docket No. TB-97-05] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5881. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,

transmitting the report on credit availability for small businesses, pursuant to Public Law 104—208, section 2227(a)(1) (110 Stat. 3009-417); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5882. A letter from the Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, transmitting the annual report on compliance by thrifts with the requirements of the national flood insurance program, pursuant to Public Law 103—325, section 529(a) (108 Stat. 2266); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5883. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule-Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing Benefits [29 CFR Part 4044] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5884. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Termination of Single-Employer Plans (RIN: 1212-AA82) received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5885. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the annual report of material violations or suspected material violations of regulations relating to Treasury auctions and other offerings of securities upon the issuance of such securities by the Treasury, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3121 nt.; to the Committee on Commerce.

5886. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Singapore for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-14), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

5887. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification that effective October 26, 1997, the danger pay rate for Kinshasa was designated at the 15% level, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5928; to the Committee on International Relations.

5888. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting text of agreements in which the American Institute in Taiwan is a party between January 1 and December 31, 1996, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3311(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

5889. A letter from the Deputy Director, US&FCS/Russia-NIS Program Office, International Trade Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Cooperative Agreement Program for an American Business Center in Russia [Docket No. 971023252-7252-01] received November 5, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

5890. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-176, "Felony Murder Amendment Act of 1997" received November 12, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1— 233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5891. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12-177, "Financial Institutions Deposit and Investment Amendment Act of 1997" received November 12, 1997, pursuant to D.C. Code section 1—233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5892. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 12–180, "Defined Contribution Transition Vesting Temporary Amendment Act of 1997" received November 12, 1997,

pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5893. A letter from the Chair, Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, transmitting the 1997 annual consolidated report in compliance with the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to Public Law 100-504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5894. A letter from the Director, Division of Commissioned Personnel, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the annual report disclosing the financial condition of the retirement system for the year ending September 30, 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9503(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5895. A letter from the Executive Director, National Council on Disability, transmitting the report in compliance with the Inspector General Act and the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to Public Law 100—504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5896. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting the Department's report on the administration of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1373(f); to the Committee on Resources.

5897. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule-Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Individual Fishing Quota Program; Standard Allowances for Ice and Slime [Docket No. 970520118-7251-02; I.D. 050197A] (RIN: 0648-AJ00) received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5898. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, transmitting the report on the effectiveness of the Civil Aviation Security Program for the period January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. app. 1356(a); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5899. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Model MBB-BK 117 A-1, A-3, A-4, B-1, B-2 and C-1 Helicopters (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-SW-23-AD; Amdt. 39-10195; AD 97-23-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5900. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule-Airworthiness Directives; The New Piper Aircraft, Inc. PA-20, PA-22, PA-23, PA-24, PA-25, PA-30, PA-31P, PA-36, PA-39, and PA-44 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) Docket No. 84-CE-27-AD; Amdt. 39-10189; AD 85-02-05 R1] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5901. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule-Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace (Jetstream) Model HS 748 Series Airplanes (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-225-AD; Amdt. 39-10191; AD 97-23-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5902. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness

Directives; Boeing Model 727-100 Series Airplanes Modified in Accordance with Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) SA8472SW (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 97-NM-268-AD; Amdt. 39-10190; AD 97-23-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5903. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Airworthiness Directives; Schweizer Aircraft Corporation Model 269A, A-1, B, and C, and TH-55A Helicopters (Federal Aviation Administration) [Docket No. 96-SW-05-AD; Amdt. 39-10194; AD 97-23-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received November 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5904. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Modification of Class D Airspace; Minot, ND [Airspace Docket No. 97-AGL-59] received November 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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5905. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Computer Reservations System (CRS) Regulations [Docket OST-96-1145 [49812]] (RIN: 2105-AC35) received November 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5906. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Safety Fitness Procedure; Safety Ratings (Federal Highway Administration) [FHWA Docket Nos. MC-94-22 and MC-96-18; FHWA-97-2252] (RIN: 2125-AC71) received November 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on

Transportation and Infrastructure.

5907. A letter from the Regulatory Policy Officer, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, transmitting the Bureau's final rule—Removal of Restrictions on Importation of Defense Articles from Specified New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia and to Amend the Term "Military Firearms and Ammunition" (RIN: 1512-AB62) received November 8, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5908. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Rulings and determination letters [Rev. Proc. 97-53] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and

Means.

5909. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Pension Plan Limitations, Etc. [Notice 97-58] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5910. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Examination of returns and claims for refund, credit, or abatement; determination of correct tax liability [Revenue Procedure 97-51] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5911. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Temporary regulations to be issued under the Internal Revenue Code [Notice 97-64] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5912. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of their intent to disburse funds for purposes of Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund ac-

tivities, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 5858; jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

¶131.4 COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK—MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, laid before the House a communication, which was read as follows:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, November 10, 1997.

HOD. NEWT GINGRICH

The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, November 10, 1997 at 10:50 a.m.:

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 282.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 681.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1057.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1058.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1479.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1484.

That the Senate Passed without amend-

That the Senate Passed without amend ment H.R. 2129.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 2564.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 2631.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.J. Res. 105.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE, Clerk.

¶131.5 ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, announced that pursuant to clause 4, rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution on Monday, November 10, 1997:

H.R. 282. An Act to designate the United States Post Office Building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, New York, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building".

H.R. 681. An Act to designate the United States Post Office Building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, California, as the "Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building"

H. R. 1057. An Act to designate the building in Indianapolis, Indiana, which houses the operations of the Indianapolis Main Post Office as the "Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building".

H.R. 1058. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 150 West Maggaret Drive in Terre Haute, Indiana, as the "John T. Myers Post Office Building".

H.R. 1377. An Act to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Scurity Act of 1974 to encourage retirement income savings.

H.R. 1479. An Act to designate the Federal building and United States Courthouse located at 300 Northeast First Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "David W. Dyer Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 1484. An Act to redesignate the United States Courthouse located at 100 Franklin Street in Dublin, Georgia, as the "J. Roy Towland United States Courthouse".

H.R. 2129. An Act to designate the United States Post Office located at 150 North Third Street in Steubenville, Ohio, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office".

H.R. 2564. An Act to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, as the "Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility".

H.R. 2631. An Act disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45.

H. J. Res. 105. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

¶131.6 MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1090. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error;

H.R. 1840. An Act to provide a law enforcement exception to the prohibition on the advertising of certain electronic devices;

H.R. 2366. An Act to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2813. An Act to waive time limitations specified by law in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded to Robert R. Ingram of Jacksonville, Florida, for acts of valor while a Navy Hospital Corpsman in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1604. An Act to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18-E, 58, 364, and 18-R before the Indian Claims Commission;

 $\rm H.R.$ 1658. An Act to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws; and

H.R. 1847. An Act to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 156. An Act to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes;

S. 222. An Act to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies;

S. 318. An Act to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, and for other purposes;

S. 493. An Act to amend section 1029 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to cellular telephone cloning paraphernalia.

S. 537. An Act to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the mammography quality standards program.

S. 1115. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the on-call notification process, and for other purposes

tion process, and for other purposes.
S. 1354. An Act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the designation of common carriers not subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission as eligible telecommunications carriers.

S. 1505. An Act to make technical and conforming amendments to the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.
S. 1506. An Act to amend the Professional

S. 1506. An Act to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act (P.L. 104-272).

S. 1511. An Act to amend section 3165 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 to clarify the authority in the section

S. 1517. An Act to extend the Visa Waiver Pilot Program.

S. 1519. An Act to provide a 6-month extension of highway, highway safety, and transit programs pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991; and

S. Con. Res. 67. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the museum entitled "The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future", in Dallas, Texas, be designated as a millennium project for the United States.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees, to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 562) "An act to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to prevent the funding of unnecessary or excessive costs for obtaining a home equity conversion mortgage," with an amendment.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 714) "An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, extend, and improve programs for veterans"

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 923) "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit interment or memorialization in certain cemeteries of persons committing Federal or State capital crimes."

¶131.7 WAIVING PROVISIONS OF CLAUSE 4(B) OF RULE XI

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 314):

Resolved. That the requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported from that committee before November 15, 1997, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following:

(1) A bill or joint resolution making general appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a

conference thereon.

(2) A bill or joint resolution that includes provisions making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1998, any amendment thereto, any conference report thereon, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference thereon.

(3) The bill (H.R. 2621) to extend trade authorities procedures with respect to reciprocal trade agreements, and for other purposes.

(4) The bill (S. 1454) to provide a 6-month extension of highway, highway safety, and transit programs pending enactment of a law

reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

SEC. 2. It shall be in order at any time before November 15, 1997, for the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules, provided that the object of any such motion is announced from the floor at least one hour before the motion is offered. In scheduling the consideration of legislation under this authority, the Speaker or his designee shall consult with the minority leader or his designee.

Pursuant to the order of the House of November 9, 1997, the following amendment was considered as agreed to:

Page 1, line 5, strike "November 11" and insert in lieu thereof "November 15".

Page 2, after line 13, insert the following:

(4) The bill (S. 1454) to provide a 6-month extension of highway, highway safety and transit programs pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

Page 2, line 14, strike "November 11" and insert in lieu thereof "November 15".

When said resolution, as amended, was considered.

After debate.

On motion of Mr. SOLOMON, the previous question was ordered on the resolution, as amended, to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to said resolution, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, announced that the yeas had it

Ms. SLAUGHTER demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶131.8 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶131.9 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF S. 738

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 319):

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (S. 738) to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, to authorize appropriations for Amtrak, and for other purposes. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. The amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. All points of order against the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill, as amended, which shall be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and (2) one motion to commit with or without instructions.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Mr. SOLOMON, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, announced that the yeas had it.

Ms. SLAUGHTER demanded that the vote be taken by the yeas and nays, which demand was supported by one-fifth of the Members present, so the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

¶131.10 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—EXTENSION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY REGARDING MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States:

On November 14, 1994, in light of the dangers of the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons ("weapons of mass destruction"-(WMD)) and of the means of delivering such weapons, I issued Executive Order 12938, and declared a national emergency under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.). Under section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)), the national emergency terminates on the anniversary date of its declaration, unless I publish in the Federal Register and transmit to the Congress a notice of its continuation.

The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I am advising the Congress that the national emergency declared on November 14, 1994, and extended on November 14, 1995 and November 14, 1996, must continue in effect beyond November 14, 1997. Accordingly, I have extended the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12938 and have sent the attached notice of extension to the *Federal Register* for publication

The following report is made pursuant to section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), regarding activities taken and money spent pursuant to the emergency declaration. Additional information on nuclear, missile, and/or chemical and biological weapons (CBW) nonproliferation efforts is contained in the most recent annual Report on the Proliferation of Missiles and Essential Components of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Weapons, provided to the Congress pursuant to section 1097 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993 (Public Law 102-190), also known as the

"Nonproliferation Report," and the most recent annual report provided to the Congress pursuant to section 308 of the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 (Public Law 102–182), also known as the "CBW Report."

CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS

The three export control regulations issued under the Enhanced Proliferation Control Initiative (EPCI) remained fully in force and continue to be applied in order to control the export of items with potential use in chemical or biological weapons or unmanned delivery systems for weapons of mass destruction.

Chemical weapons continue to pose a very serious threat to our security and that of countries friendly to us. On April 29, 1997, the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (the "Chemical Weapons Convention" or (CWC)) entered into force with 87 of the CWC's 165 signatories as original States Parties. The United States was among their number, having deposited its instrument of ratification on April 25. As of November 5, 104 countries had become States Parties.

Russia did not complete its legislative approval process in time to be among the original CWC States Parties. In our March meeting in Helsinki, President Yeltsin did, however, assure me of his understanding of the importance of the CWC to Russia's own security. On October 31, 1997, the Russian Duma (lower house) approved ratification of the CWC. On November 5, 1997. the Russian Federation Council unanimously approved the CWC and the Russian government deposited its instrument of ratification. Russia's ratification makes it possible for Russia to join the United States in playing a leadership role in ensuring that all of the Convention's benefits are realized.

Given Russia's financial situation during this difficult period of transition to a market economy, serious concerns have been raised about the high costs of environmentally sound destruction of the large stocks of chemical weapons Russia inherited from the former Soviet Union. Through the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, we are working with Russia to help address these complex problems, and we will continue to do so now that Russia has ratified the CWC.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) has been established to achieve the object and purpose of the CWC, to ensure the implementation of its provisions and provide a forum for consultation and cooperation among States Parties. The executive organ of the OPCW, the Executive Council, has met five times since May to oversee decisions related to *inter alia* data declarations, inspections, and organizational issues. The United States plays an active role in ensuring effective implementation of the Convention.

The CWC is an ambitious undertaking by the world community to ban an entire class of weapons of mass destruction. Its members have committed themselves to totally eliminating chemical weapons stocks and production facilities, prohibiting chemical weapons-related activities, banning assistance for such activities and restricting trade with non-Parties in certain relevant chemicals. Destruction of U.S. chemical weapons stocks is moving forward. Other CWC States Parties have now taken on a similar task, and we are working hard with the other members of the CWC to make membership in this treaty universal.

The United States is determined to ensure full implementation of the concrete measures in the CWC that will raise the costs and the risks for any state or terrorist attempting to engage in chemical weapons-related activities. The CWC's declaration requirements will improve our knowledge of possible chemical weapons activities, whether conducted by countries or terrorists. Its inspection provisions provide for access to declared and undeclared facilities and locations, thus making clandestine chemical weapons production and stockpiling more difficult, more risky, and more expensive.

Countries that refuse to join the CWC will be politically isolated and banned from trading with States Parties in certain key chemicals. The relevant Treaty provision is specifically designed to penalize in a concrete way countries that refuse to join the rest of the world in eliminating the threat of

chemical weapons.

The United States also continues to play a leading role in the international effort to reduce the threat from biological weapons. We are an active participant in the Ad Hoc Group striving to create a legally binding protocol to strengthen and enhance compliance with the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (the '''Biological Weapons Convention" or (BWC)). This Ad Hoc Group was mandated by the September 1994 BWC Special Conference. The Fourth BWC Review Conference, held in November 1996, commended the work done by the Ad Hoc Group and urged it to complete the protocol as soon as possible but not later than the next Review Conference to be held in 2001. A draft rolling text was introduced by the Chairman at the July Ad Hoc Group session. Work is progressing on insertion of national views and clarification of existing text, largely drawn from the consultative phase of Ad Hoc Group work since 1994. Three-week sessions are scheduled for January, July, and September of 1998. Another 2-week session will be scheduled for either March or December of 1998. Early completion of an effective BWC protocol is high on our list of nonproliferation goals.

The United States continues to be a leader in the Australia Group (AG)

chemical and biological weapons non-proliferation regime. Last year, the United States supported the entry into the AG of the Republic of Korea, which became the group's 30th member in time for the October 1996 plenary.

The United States attended this year's annual AG plenary session from October 6-9, 1997, during which the Group continued to focus on strengthening AG export controls and sharing information to address the threat of CBW terrorism. At the behest of the United States, the AG first began indepth political-level discussion of CBW terrorism during the 1995 plenary session following the Tokyo subway nerve gas attack earlier that year. At the 1996 plenary, the United States urged AG members to exchange national points of contact for AG terrorism matters. At the 1997 plenary, the AG accepted a U.S. proposal to survey all AG members on efforts each has taken to counter this threat.

The Group also reaffirmed the members' collective belief that full adherence to the CWC and the BWC is the best way to achieve permanent global elimination of CBW, and that all states adhering to these Conventions have an obligation to ensure that their national activities support this goal.

AG participants continue to seek to ensure that all relevant national measures promote the object and purposes of the BWC and CWC. The AG nations reaffirmed their belief that existing national export licensing policies on chemical weapons-related items fulfill the obligation established under Article I of the CWC that States Parties never assist, in any way, the acquisition of chemical weapons. Given this understanding, the AG members also reaffirmed their commitment to continuing the Group's activities now that the CWC has entered into force.

The AG also reaffirmed its commitment to continue to provide briefings for non-AG countries, and to promote regional consultations on export controls and nonproliferation to further awareness and understanding of national policies in these areas.

During the last 6 months, we continued to examine closely intelligence and other reports of trade in chemical weapons-related material and technology that might require action, including evaluating whether sanctions under the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 were warranted. In May 1997, we imposed sanctions on seven Chinese entities and one Hong Kong company for knowingly and materially contributing to Iran's CW program through the export of dual-use chemical precursors and/or chemical production equipment and technology. In September 1997, we imposed sanctions on a German citizen and a German company determined to have been involved in the export of chemical production equipment to Libya's CW pro-

The United States continues to cooperate with its AG partners in stopping shipments of proliferation concern. By sharing information through diplomatic and other channels, we and our AG partners have been successful in interdicting various shipments destined to CBW programs.

MISSILES FOR WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION DELIVERY

During the reporting period, the United States carefully controlled exports that could contribute to unmanned delivery systems for weapons of mass destruction and closely monitored activities of potential missile proliferation concern. We also continued to implement U.S. missile sanctions law, in cases where sanctionable activity was determined to have occurred. In August 1997, we imposed sanctions against two North Korean entities determined to have engaged in missile proliferation activities. Similar sanctions imposed in May 1996 remain in effect against two entities in Iran and one entity in North Korea for transfers involving Category II Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Annex items.

During this reporting period, MTCR Partners continued to share information about proliferation problems with each other and with other potential supplier, consumer, and transshipment states. Partners also emphasized the need for implementing effective export control systems. This cooperation has resulted in the interdiction of missile-related materials intended for use in missile programs of concern.

The United States was an active participant in the MTCR's June 1997 Reinforced Point of Contact Meeting (RPOC). At the RPOC, MTCR Partners engaged in useful discussions of regional missile proliferators' concerns, as well as steps the Partners could take to increase transparency and outreach to nonmembers.

In July 1997, the United States also played a leading role at the Swisshosted MTCR workshop on the licensing and enforcement aspects of transshipment. The workshop was successful in focusing attention on the enforcement problems raised by proliferators' misuse of transshipment and fostered a productive exchange of ideas on how countries can better address such activity.

The United States worked unilaterally and in coordination with its MTCR Partners to combat missile proliferation and to encourage nonmembers to export responsibly and to adhere to the MTCR Guidelines. Since the last report, we have continued our missile nonproliferation dialogue with China, the Republic of Korea (ROK), North Korea (DPRK), and Ukraine. In the course of normal diplomatic relations, we also have pursued such discussions with other countries in Central Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

In June 1997, the United States and the DPRK held a second round of missile talks, aimed at freezing the DPRK's indigenous missile development program and curtailing its missile-related export activities. The DPRK appeared willing to consider limits on its missile-related exports, in return for sanctions-easing measures, but did not engage in discussion of limits on its missile development program. We intend to pursue further missile talks with the DPRK.

In July 1997, we held another round of nonproliferation talks with the ROK. These talks were productive and made progress toward facilitating ROK membership in the MTCR.

In response to reports that Iran had acquired sensitive items from Russian entities for use in Iran's missile development program, the United States intensified its high-level dialogue with Russia on this issue. We held a number of productive discussions with senior Russian officials aimed at finding ways the United States and Russia can work together to prevent Iran's ballistic missile development program from acquiring Russian technology and equipment. This process is continuing.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS In a truly historic landmark in our efforts to curb the spread of nuclear weapons, the 50th U.N. General Assembly on September 10, 1996, adopted and called for signature of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), negotiated over the previous 2½ years in the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. The overwhelming passage of this U.N. resolution (158-3-5) demonstrates the CTBT's strong international support and marks a major success for United States foreign policy. On September 24, 1996, I and other international leaders signed the CTBT in New York.

During 1997, CTBT signatories have conducted numerous meetings of the Preparatory Commission in Vienna, seeking to promote rapid completion of the International Monitoring System established by the Treaty. On September 23, I transmitted the CTBT to the Senate, requesting prompt advice and consent to ratification.

The CTBT will serve several United States national security interests in banning all nuclear explosions. It will constrain the development and qualitative improvement of nuclear weapons; end the development of advanced new types; contribute to the prevention of nuclear proliferation and the process of nuclear disarmament; and strengthen international peace and security. The CTBT marks an historic milestone in our drive to reduce the nuclear threat and to build a safer world.

Formal preparations for the year 2000 Review Conference for the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) began in 1997 with the first of three annual Preparatory Committee meetings of the Parties to the Treaty. The United States is committed to working to ensure that the 2000 NPT review Conference will further strengthen the NPT and reinforce global nuclear nonproliferation objectives. Since the 1995 NPT Conference, eight additional states have joined the NPT, leaving only five states world-

wide currently outside the NPT regime. The NPT Exporters (Zangger) Committee added China to its membership in 1997.

The Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) continued its efforts to upgrade control lists and export control procedures. NSG members confirmed their agreement to clarifications to the nuclear trigger list to accord with trigger list changes agreed to by the members of the NPT Exporters (Zangger) Committee, and the International Atomic Energy Agency published these understandings on September 16, 1997. The NSG also is actively pursuing steps to enhance the transparency of the export regime in accordance with the call in Principles 16 and 17 of the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference.

The NSG held an export control seminar in Vienna on October 8 and 9, 1997, which described and explained the role of the NSG (and the Zangger Committee) in preventing nuclear proliferation. The NSG also continued efforts to enhance information sharing among members regarding the nuclear programs of proliferant countries by (1) 'officially'' linking the NSG members through a dedicated computer network allowing for real-time distribution of license denial information, and by (2) creating a separate session for exchange of information on the margins of the NSG plenary meeting.

NSG membership will increase to 35 with the acceptance of Latvia. The ultimate goal of the NSG is to obtain the agreement of all suppliers, including nations not members of the regime, to control nuclear and nuclear-related exports in accordance with the NSG guidelines.

EXPENSES

Pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I report that there were no expenses directly attributable to the exercise of authorities conferred by the declaration of the national emergency in Executive Order 12938 during the semiannual reporting period.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, November 12, 1997.

By unanimous consent, the message, together with the accompanying papers, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 105–169).

¶131.11 RECESS—1:14 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. PETRI, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 1 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m., until approximately 5 p.m.

¶131.12 AFTER RECESS—5:05 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SUNUNU, called the House to order.

¶131.13 RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SUNUNU, laid before the House the following communication, which was read as follows:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, November 11, 1997. Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,

Speaker of the House, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This letter is to officially notify you of my resignation as United States Representative to the First District of Pennsylvania. President Clinton has given me the opportunity to continue my lifetime of public service by nominating me to be Ambassador to Italy, the nation of my herit-

I love this body and leave it with bittersweet emotions-I move onto exciting new challenges but I leave so many good friends and colleagues. I feel so strongly about so many of the people I have served with over the past seventeen years. There is that saying attributable to Harry Truman that if you want a friend in Washington, buy a dog. For me, nothing can be further from the truth. I have made friends here, on both sides of the aisle, who I will keep and cherish for the rest of my life.

I thank the people of the First District for the opportunity to serve them, this country and this institution. It has been a great honor

Thank you. Sincerely,

THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Washington, DC, November 11, 1997. Hon, Tom RIDGE

Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA.

DEAR MR. GOVERNOR: This letter is to officially notify you of my resignation as United States Representative to the First District of Pennsylvania. President Clinton has given me the opportunity to continue my lifetime of public service by nominating me to be Ambassador to Italy, the nation of my herit-

I thank the people of the First District for the opportunity to serve them, this country and this institution. It has been a great honor.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

THOMAS M. FOGLIETTA.

¶131.14 H. RES. 319—UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SUNUNU, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the question on agreeing to the resolution (H. Res. 319) providing for consideration of the bill (S. 378) to reform the statutes relating to Amtrak, and for other purposes.

The question being put,

Will the House agree to said resolu-

The vote was taken by electronic de-

It was decided in the Yeas 324 affirmative Nays

¶131.15[Roll No. 629] YEAS-324

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Archer	Bentsen	Bono
Armey	Bereuter	Borski
Bachus	Berry	Boswell
Baker	Bilbray	Boucher
Baldacci	Bilirakis	Boyd
Ballenger	Bishop	Brown (FL)
Barcia	Blagojevich	Bryant
Barr	Bliley	Bunning
Barrett (NE)	Blumenauer	Burr
Bartlett	Blunt	Burton

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So said resolution was agreed to.

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A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Stark

Towns

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¶131.16 H. RES. 314—UNFINISHED **BUSINESS**

Gephardt

Gonzalez

Gordon

Hansen

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SUNUNU, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the question on agreeing to the resolution (H. Res. 314) waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, and for other purposes; as amended.

The question being put,

Will the House agree to said resolution, as amended?

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the Yeas 213 affirmative Nays 193

¶131.17[Roll No. 630] YEAS-213

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So said resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution, as amended, was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶131.18 SUSPENSION OF THE RULES-NOTICE

Mr. DREIER, pursuant to House Resolution 314, at 6:10 p.m. announced the Speaker will recognize Members for motions to suspend the rules under clause 2 of rule XXVII, with respect to the following bills and resolutions that may be considered today: H.R. 2979, Library of Congress Land Acquisition; S. Con. Res. 61, Printing of "Our Flag"; S. Con. Res. 62, Printing of "How Our Laws Are Made"; S. Con. Res. 63, Printing of "The Constitution of the United States of America"; H. Con. Res. 190, Congressional Christmas Celebration in Rotunda; S.1378, U.S. Mail Use for Missing Children; S. 1507, National Defense Authorization, FY 1998; H.R. 2709, Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions; H.R. 764, Bankruptcy Amendments of 1997; H.R. 2440, Title 9, U.S. Code, Section 10 Amendments; H.J. Res. 95, Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact; H.J. Res. 96, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact; H.R. 1753, Boys and Girls Club Facilities; S. 1228, Fifty States Commemorative Coin; H.R. 1271, FAA Authorization; H.R. 1658, Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation; H.R. 1604, Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Judgment Funds; S. 1079, Ft. Berthold Indiana Reservation Mineral Leasing; S. 731, National Peace Garden Memorial; S. 1354, Telecommunications Common Carriers; S. 1505, Museum and Library Services Amendments; S. 1417, New Mexico Hispanic Cultural Center for Performing Arts; H.R. 867, Adoption Promotion Act of 1997; H. Con. Res. 137, International Criminal Tribunal for Iraqi Crimes Against Humanity; H. Res. 282, Association of South East Asian Nations; H. Res. 231, Democracy and Religious and Economic Freedom for Vietnam; H. Con. Res. 172, U.S.-Mongolia Friendship and Cooperation; H. Con. Res. 130, Kenya Situation; and H. Res. 273, Condemnation of Angolan Military Intervention in the Congo.

¶131.19 RECESS—6:11 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SUNUNU, pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, declared the House in recess at 6 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m., until approximately 6:45 p.m.

¶131.20 AFTER RECESS—6:53 P.M.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. SNOWBARGER, called the House to order.

¶131.21 SUBMISSION OF CONFERENCE REPORT-H.R. 2159

Mr. CALLAHAN submitted a conference report (Rept. No. 105-401) on the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; together with a statement thereon, for printing in the Record under the rule.

¶131.22 RULES OF THE HOUSE AMENDMENT

Mr. GOSS, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 301):

Resolved, That (a) clause 3(f) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by repealing subdivision (2) and by redesignating subdivisions (3) through (13) as subdivisions (2) through (12), respectively. (b) Clause 2(g)(1) of rule XI of the Rules of

the House of Representatives is amended by ", except as provided by clause

(d) The first sentence of clause 3(e) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by striking ", except as provided in paragraph (f)(2)".

When said resolution was considered. After debate.

On motion of Mr. GOSS, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection.

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that the yeas

Mr. MOAKLEY objected to the vote on the ground that a quorum was not present and not voting.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, pursuant to clause 5, rule I, announced that further proceedings on the motion were postponed.

The point of no quorum was considered as withdrawn.

¶131.23 HIGHWAY SAFETY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS EXTENSION

Mr. SHUSTER moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1519) to provide a 6-month extension of highway, highway safety, and transit programs pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. SHUSTER and Mr. OBERSTAR, each for 20 min-

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶131.24 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS LAND ACQUISITION

Mr. THOMAS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2979) to authorize acquisition of certain real property for the Library of Congress, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. THOMAS and Mr. DEFAZIO, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶131.25 CLERK TO CORRECT ENGROSSMENT

On motion of Mr. THOMAS, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That in the engrossment of the foregoing bill the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes.

¶131.26 PRINTING RESOLUTIONS

Mr. EHLERS moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolutions of the Senate (S. Con. Res. 61, S. Con. Res. 62, and S. Con. Res. 63):

S. CON. RES. 61

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That (a) a revised edition of the publication entitled "Our Flag", revised under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, shall be reprinted as a Senate document.

(b) There shall be printed—

(1)(A) 250,000 copies of the publication for the use of the House of Representatives, distributed in equal numbers to each Member;

(B) 51,500 copies of the publication for the use of the Senate, distributed in equal numbers to each Member;

(C) 2,000 copies of the publication for the use of the Joint Committee on Printing; and (D) 1,400 copies of the publication for distribution to the depository libraries; or

(2) if the total printing and production costs of copies in paragraph (1) exceed \$150,000, such number of copies of the publication as does not exceed total printing and production costs of \$150,000, with distribution to be allocated in the same proportion as in paragraph (1).

S. CON. RES. 62

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That (a) a revised edition of the brochure entitled "How Our Laws Are Made", under the direction of the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives in consultation with the Parliamentarian of the Senate, shall be printed as a Senate document, with suitable paper cover in the style selected by the chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing.

(b) There shall be printed—

(1)(A) 250,000 copies of the brochure for the use of the House of Representatives, distributed in equal numbers to each Member;

(B) 100,000 copies of the brochure for the use of the Senate, distributed in equal numbers to each Member;

(C) 2,000 copies of the brochure for the use of the Joint Committee on Printing; and

(D) 1,400 copies of the brochure for distribution to the depository libraries; or

(2) if the total printing and production costs of copies in paragraph (1) exceed \$180,000, such number of copies of the brochure as does not exceed total printing and production costs of \$180,000, with distribution to be allocated in the same proportion as in paragraph (1).

S. CON. RES. 63

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring, That (a) a revised edition of the pamphlet entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America", prepared under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, shall be printed as a Senate document, with appropriate illustration.

(b) There shall be printed—

(1)(A) 440,000 copies of the pamphlet for the use of the House of Representatives, distributed in equal numbers to each Member;

(B) 100,000 copies of the pamphlet for the use of the Senate, distributed in equal numbers to each Member;

(C) 2,000 copies of the pamphlet for the use of the Joint Committee on Printing; and $\,$

(D) 1,400 copies of the pamphlet for distribution to the depository libraries; or

(2) if the total printing and production costs of copies in paragraph (1) exceed \$120,000, such number of copies of the pamphlet as does not exceed total printing and production costs of \$120,000, with distribution to be allocated in the same proportion as in paragraph (1).

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. EHLERS and Ms. KILPATRICK, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolutions?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolutions was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolutions were agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

$\P131.27$ MISSING CHILDREN

Mr. McHUGH moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1378) to extend the authorization of use

of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. McHUGH and Mr. FATTAH, each for 20 minutes. After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶131.28 NATIONAL DEFENSE

AUTHORIZATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. SPENCE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1507) to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 to make certain technical corrections.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. SPENCE and Mr. DELLUMS, each for 20 minutes.

After debate.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶131.29 FORT BERTHOLD INDIAN RESERVATION MINERAL LEASE

Mrs. CHENOWETH moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill of the Senate (S. 1079) to permit the mineral leasing of Indian land located within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in any case in which there is consent from a majority interest in the parcel of land under considertaion for lease; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mrs. CHENOWETH and Mr. POMEROY, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof,

the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act to permit the mineral leasing of Indian land located within the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in any case in which there is consent from a majority interest in the parcel of land under consideration for lease, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot project on designated national forest lands in California to demonstrate the effectiveness of resource management activities proposed by the Quincy Library Group, and for other purposes.".

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed and the title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendments.

¶131.30 SANCTIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO IRAN BALLISTIC MISSILE ACQUISITION

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2709) to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. HAMILTON, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles, and to implement the obligations of the United States under the Chemical Weapons Convention."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed and the title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶131.31 BANKRUPTCY AMENDMENTS

Mr. GEKAS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 764) to make technical corrections to title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. GEKAS and Mr. CONYERS, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

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So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶131.32 ARBITRATION AWARDS

Mr. GEKAS moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2440) to made technical amendments to section 10 of title 9. United States Code.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. GEKAS and Mr. NADLER, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶131.33 CHICKASAW TRAIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPACT

Mr. GEKAS moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 95) granting the consent of Congress to the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. GEKAS and Mr. NADLER, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said joint resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said joint resolution was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said joint resolution was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said joint resolution.

¶131.34 WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT REGULATION COMPACT

Mr. GEKAS moved to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 96) granting the consent and

approval of Congress for the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to amend the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, recognized Mr. GEKAS and Mr. NADLER, each for 20 minutes.

After debate.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said joint resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. CALVERT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said joint resolution was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said joint resolution was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said joint resolution.

¶131.35 WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 2159

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-402) the resolution (H. Res. 323) waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶131.36 WAIVING POINTS OF ORDER AGAINST THE CONFERENCE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 2159

Mr. DIAZ-BALART, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 323):

Resolved. That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

When said resolution was considered. After debate,

On motion of Mr. DIAZ-BALART, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the

¶131.37 FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS—FY 1998

Mr. CALLAHAN, pursuant to House Resolution 323, called up the following conference report (Rept. No. 105-401):

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2159) "making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken and inserted by said amendment, insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I—EXPORT AND INVESTMENT ASSISTANCE

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

The Export-Import Bank of the United States is authorized to make such expenditures within the limits of funds and borrowing authority available to such corporation, and in accordance with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations, as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as may be necessary in carrying out the program for the current fiscal year for such corporation: Provided, That none of the funds available during the current fiscal year may be used to make expenditures, contracts, or commitments for the export of nuclear equipment, fuel, or technology to any country other than a nuclearweapon State as defined in Article IX of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons eligible to receive economic or military assistance under this Act that has detonated a nuclear explosive after the date of enactment of this Act.

SUBSIDY APPROPRIATION

For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, insurance, and tied-aid grants as authorized by section 10 of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, \$683,000,000 to remain available until September 30, 2001: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That such sums shall remain available until 2013 for the disbursement of direct loans, loan guarantees. insurance and tied-aid grants obligated in fiscal years 1998 and 1999: Provided further, That up to \$50,000,000 of funds appropriated by this paragraph shall remain available until expended and may be used for tied-aid grant purposes: *Provided further*, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act or any prior Act appropriating funds for foreign operations, export financing, or related programs for tied-aid credits or grants may be used for any other purpose except through the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That funds appropriated by this paragraph are made available notwithstanding section 2(b)(2) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, in connection with the purchase or lease of any product by any East European country, any Baltic State, or any agency or national thereof.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

For administrative expenses to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan and insurance programs (to be computed on an accrual basis), including hire of passenger motor vehicles and services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109, and not to exceed \$20,000 for official reception and representation expenses for members of the Board of Directors,

\$48,614,000: Provided, That necessary expenses (including special services performed on a contract or fee basis, but not including other personal services) in connection with the collection of moneys owed the Export-Import Bank, repossession or sale of pledged collateral or other assets acquired by the Export-Import Bank in satisfaction of moneys owed the Export-Import Bank, or the investigation or appraisal of any property, or the evaluation of the legal or technical aspects of any transaction for which an application for a loan, guarantee or insurance commitment has been made, shall be considered nonadministrative expenses for the purposes of this heading: Provided further, That, notwithstanding subsection (b) of section 117 of the Export Enhancement Act of 1992, subsection (a) thereof shall remain in effect until October 1, 1998.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

NONCREDIT ACCOUNT

The Overseas Private Investment Corporation is authorized to make, without regard to fiscal year limitations, as provided by 31 U.S.C. 9104, such expenditures and commitments within the limits of funds available to it and in accordance with law as may be necessary: Provided. That the amount available for administrative expenses to carry out the credit and insurance programs (including an amount for official reception and representation expenses which shall not exceed \$35,000) shall not exceed \$32,000,000: Provided further, That project-specific transaction costs, including direct and indirect costs incurred in claims settlements, and other direct costs associated with services provided to specific investors or potential investors pursuant to section 234 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, shall not be considered administrative expenses for the purposes of this heading.

PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, \$60,000,000, as authorized by section 234 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to be derived by transfer from the Overseas Private Investment Corporation noncredit account: Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That such sums shall be available for direct loan obligations and loan guaranty commitments incurred or made during fiscal years 1998 and 1999: Provided further, That such sums shall remain available through fiscal year 2006 for the disbursement of direct and guaranteed loans obligated in fiscal year through fiscal year 2007 for the disbursement of direct and guaranteed loans obligated in fiscal year 1999: Provided further, That in addition, such sums as may be necessary for administrative expenses to carry out the credit program may be derived from amounts available for administrative expenses to carry out the credit and insurance programs in the Overseas Private Investment Corporation Noncredit Account and merged with said account.

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 661 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, \$41,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999: Provided, That the Trade and Development Agency may receive reimbursements from corporations and other entities for the costs of grants for feasibility studies and other project planning services, to be deposited as an offsetting collection to this account and to be available for obligation until September 30, 1999, for necessary expenses under this paragraph: Provided further, That such reimbursements shall not cover, or be allo-

cated against, direct or indirect administrative costs of the agency.

TITLE II—BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT

For expenses necessary to enable the President to carry out the provisions of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and for other purposes, to remain available until September 30, 1998, unless otherwise specified herein, as follows:

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHILD SURVIVAL AND DISEASE PROGRAMS FUND

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of chapters 1 and 10 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, for child survival, basic education, assistance to combat tropical and other diseases, and related activities, in addition to funds otherwise available for such purposes, \$650,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That this amount shall be made available for such activities as: (1) immunization programs; (2) oral rehydration programs; health and nutrition programs, and related education programs, which address the needs of mothers and children; (4) water and sanitation programs; (5) assistance for displaced and orphaned children; (6) programs for the prevention, treatment, and control of, and research on, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, polio, malaria and other diseases; (7) up to \$98,000,000 for basic education programs for children; and (8) a contribution on a grant basis to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) pursuant to section 301 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of sections 103 through 106 and chapter 10 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, title V of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-533) and the provisions of section 401 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1969, \$1,210,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999: Provided, That of the amount appropriated under this heading, up to \$22,000,000 may be made available for the Inter-American Foundation and shall be apportioned directly to that Agency: Provided further, That of the amount appropriated under this heading, up to \$14,000,000 may be made available for the African Development Foundation and shall be apportioned directly to that agency: Provided further, That none of the funds made available in this Act nor any unobligated balances from prior appropriations may be made available to any organization or program which, as determined by the President of the United States, supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization: Provided further, That none of the funds made available under this heading may be used to pay for the performance of abortion as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions; and that in order to reduce reliance on abortion in developing nations, funds shall be available only to voluntary family planning projects which offer, either directly or through referral to, or information about access to, a broad range of family planning methods and services: Provided further, That in awarding grants for natural family planning under section 104 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 no applicant shall be discriminated against because of such applicant's religious or conscientious commitment to offer only natural family planning; and, additionally, all such applicants shall comply with the requirements of the previous proviso: Provided further, That for pur-

poses of this or any other Act authorizing or appropriating funds for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, the 'motivate", as it relates to family planning assistance, shall not be construed to prohibit the provision, consistent with local law, of information or counseling about all pregnancy options: Provided further, That nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to alter any existing statutory prohibitions against abortion under section 104 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961: Provided further, That notwithstanding section 109 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, of the funds appropriated under this heading in this Act, and of the unobligated balances of funds previously appropriated under this heading, not to exceed \$2,500,000 shall be transferred to "International Organizations and Programs" for a contribution to the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and that any such transfer of funds shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That of the funds appropriated under this heading that are made available for assistance programs for displaced and orphaned children and victims of war, not to exceed \$25,000, in addition to funds otherwise available for such purposes, may be used to monitor and provide oversight of such programs: Provided further, That none of the funds made available under this heading may be used for any activity which is in contravention to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES).

PRIVATE AND VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for development assistance may be made available to any United States private and voluntary organization, except any cooperative development organization, which obtains less than 20 per centum of its total annual funding for international activities from sources other than the United States Government: Provided, That the requirements of the provisions of section 123(g) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the provisions on private and voluntary organizations in title II of the "Foreign Assistance and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1985" (as enacted in Public Law 98-473) shall be superseded by the provisions of this section, except that the authority contained in the last sentence of section 123(g) may be exercised by the Administrator with regard to the requirements of this paragraph.

Funds appropriated or otherwise made available under title II of this Act should be made available to private and voluntary organizations at a level which is at least equivalent to the level provided in fiscal year 1995. Such private and voluntary organizations shall include those which operate on a notfor-profit basis, receive contributions from private sources, receive voluntary support from the public and are deemed to be among the most cost-effective and successful providers of development assistance.

CYPRUS

Of the funds appropriated under the headings "Development Assistance" and "Economic Support Fund", not less than \$15,000,000 shall be made available for Cyprus to be used only for scholarships, administrative support of the scholarship program, bicommunal projects, and measures aimed at reunification of the island and designed to reduce tensions and promote peace and cooperation between the two communities on Cyprus.

BURMA

Of the funds appropriated under the headings "Development Assistance" and "Economic Support Fund", not less than

\$5,000,000 shall be made available to support activities in Burma, along the Burma-Thailand border, and for activities of Burmese student groups and other organizations located outside Burma: *Provided*, That funds made available for Burma related activities under this heading may be made available notwithstanding any other provision of law: *Provided further*, That provision of such funds shall be made available subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

CAMBODIA

None of the funds appropriated in this Act may be made available for the Government of Cambodia: *Provided*, That the restrictions under this heading shall not apply to humanitarian, demining or election-related programs or activities: *Provided further*, That such funds shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations: *Provided further*, That 30 days after enactment of this Act, the President shall report to the Committees on Appropriations on the results of the FBI investigation into the bombing attack in Phnom Penh on March 30, 1997.

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

For necessary expenses for international disaster relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction assistance pursuant to section 491 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, \$190,000,000, to remain available until expended.

DEBT RESTRUCTURING

For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of modifying direct loans and loan guarantees, as the President may determine, for which funds have been appropriated or otherwise made available for programs within the International Affairs Budget Function 150, including the cost of selling, reducing, or canceling amounts, through debt buybacks and swaps, owed to the United States as a result of concessional loans made to eligible Latin American and Caribbean countries, pursuant to part IV of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; of modifying concessional loans extended to least developed countries, as authorized under section 411 of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended; and of modifying any obligation, or portion of such obligation for Latin American countries to pay for purchases of United States agricultural commodities guaranteed by the Commodity Credit Corporation under export credit guarantee programs authorized pursuant to section 5(f) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act of June 29, 1948, as amended. section 4(b) of the Food for Peace Act of 1966, as amended (Public Law 89-808), or section 202 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, as amended (Public Law 95-501); \$27,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided. That not to exceed \$1,500,000 of such funds may be used for implementation of improvements in the foreign credit reporting system of the United States government.

MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of direct loans and loan guarantees, \$1,500,000, as authorized by section 108 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended: *Provided*, That such costs shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: *Provided further*, That guarantees of loans made under this heading in support of microenterprise activities may guarantee up to 70 percent of the principal amount of any such loans notwithstanding section 108 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out programs under this heading, \$500,000, all of which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for Oper-

ating Expenses of the Agency for International Development: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading shall remain available until September 30, 1000

URBAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL CREDIT PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of guaranteed loans authorized by sections 221 and 222 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, including the cost of guaranteed loans designed to promote the urban and environmental policies and objectives of part I of such Act, \$3,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999: Provided, That these funds are available to subsidize loan principal, 100 percent of which shall be guaranteed, pursuant to the authority of such sections. In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out guaranteed loan programs, \$6,000,000, all of which may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for Operating Expenses of the Agency for International Development: Provided further, That commitments to guarantee loans under this heading may be entered into notwithstanding the second and third sentences of section 222(a) and, with regard to programs for Central and Eastern Europe and programs for the benefit of South Africans disadvantaged by apartheid, section 223(j) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

PAYMENT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND

For payment to the "Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund", as authorized by the Foreign Service Act of 1980, \$44,208,000.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 667, \$473,000,000: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated by this Act for programs administered by the Agency for International Development may be used to finance printing costs of any report or study (except feasibility, design, or evaluation reports or studies) in excess of \$25,000 without the approval of the Administrator of the Agency or the Administrator's designee.

OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 667, \$29,047,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999, which sum shall be available for the Office of the Inspector General of the Agency for International Development.

OTHER BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of chapter 4 of part \$2,400,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999: Provided, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less than \$1.200.000.000 shall be available only for Israel, which sum shall be available on a grant basis as a cash transfer and shall be disbursed within thirty days of enactment of this Act or by October 31, 1997, whichever is later: Provided further, That not less than \$815,000,000 shall be available only for Egypt, which sum shall be provided on a grant basis, and of which sum cash transfer assistance be provided, with the understanding that Egypt will undertake significant economic reforms which are additional to those which were undertaken in previous fiscal years: Provided further, That in exercising the authority to provide cash transfer assistance for Israel, the President shall ensure that the level of such assistance does not cause an adverse impact on the total level of

nonmilitary exports from the United States to such country: Provided further, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less than \$150,000,000 shall be made available for Jordan: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading in previous Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, notwithstanding any provision in any such heading in such previous Acts, up to \$116,000,000 may be allocated or made available for programs and activities under this heading including the Middle East Peace and Stability Fund: Provided further, That in carrying out the previous proviso, the President should seek to ensure to the extent feasible that not more than 1 percent of the amount specified in section 586 of this Act should be derived from funds that would otherwise be made available for any single country: Provided further, That funds provided for the Middle East Peace and Stability Fund by a country in the region under the authority of section 635(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and funds made available for Jordan following the date of enactment of this Act from previous Acts making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, shall count toward meeting the earmark contained in the fourth proviso under this heading: Provided further, That up to \$10,000,000 of funds under this heading in previous foreign operations, export financing, and related programs appropriations Acts that were reprogrammed for Jordan during fiscal year 1997 shall also count toward such earmark: Provided further, That, in order to facilitate the implementation of the fourth proviso under this heading, the requirement of section 515 of this Act or any similar provision of law shall not apply to the making available of funds appropriated for a fiscal year for programs, projects, or activities that were justified for another fiscal year: *Provided further*, That for fiscal year 1998 such portions of the notification required under section 653 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 that relate to the Middle East may be submitted to the Congress as soon as practicable, but no later than March 1, 1998: Provided further, That during fiscal year 1998, of the local currencies generated from funds made available under this heading for Guatemala by this Act and prior Appropriations Acts, the United States and Guatemala may jointly program the Guatemala quetzales equivalent of a total of up to \$10,000,000 for the purpose of retiring the debt owed by universities in Guatemala to the Inter-American Development Bank.

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR IRELAND

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, \$19,600,000, which shall be available for the United States contribution to the International Fund for Ireland and shall be made available in accordance with the provisions of the Anglo-Irish Agreement Support Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-415): Provided, That such amount shall be expended at the minimum rate necessary to make timely payment for projects and activities: Provided further, That funds made available under this heading shall remain available until September 30, 1999.

ASSISTANCE FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND THE BALTIC STATES

(a) For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989, \$485,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999, which shall be available, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for economic assistance and for related programs for Eastern Europe and the Baltic States.

- (b) Funds appropriated under this heading or in prior appropriations Acts that are or have been made available for an Enterprise Fund may be deposited by such Fund in interest-bearing accounts prior to the Fund's disbursement of such funds for program purposes. The Fund may retain for such program purposes any interest earned on such deposits without returning such interest to the Treasury of the United States and without further appropriation by the Congress. Funds made available for Enterprise Funds shall be expended at the minimum rate necessary to make timely payment for projects and activities.
- (c) Funds appropriated under this heading shall be considered to be economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for purposes of making available the administrative authorities contained in that Act for the use of economic assistance.
- (d) None of the funds appropriated under this heading may be made available for new housing construction or repair or reconstruction of existing housing in Bosnia and Herzegovina unless directly related to the efforts of United States troops to promote peace in said country.

 (e) With regard to funds appropriated or
- otherwise made available under this heading for the economic revitalization program in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and local currencies generated by such funds (including the conversion of funds appropriated under this heading into currency used by Bosnia and Herzegovina as local currency and local currency returned or repaid under such pro-
- (1) the Administrator of the Agency for International Development shall provide written approval for grants and loans prior to the obligation and expenditure of funds for such purposes, and prior to the use of funds that have been returned or repaid to any lending facility or grantee; and

(2) the provisions of section 532 of this Act

shall apply.

- (f) The President is authorized to withhold funds appropriated under this heading made available for economic revitalization programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina, if he determines and certifies to the Committees on Appropriations that the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina has not complied with article III of annex 1-A of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning the withdrawal of foreign forces, and that intelligence cooperation on training, investigations, and related activities between Iranian officials and Bosnian officials has not been terminated
- (g) Not to exceed \$200,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading may be made available for Bosnia and Herzegovina exclusive of assistance for police training.
 (h) Not to exceed \$7,000,000 of the funds
- made available for Bosnia and Herzegovina may be made available for the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of modifying direct loans and loan guarantees for said country.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE NEW INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

- (a) For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of chapter 11 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the FREE-DOM Support Act, for assistance for the new independent states of the former Soviet Union and for related programs, \$770,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999: Provided, That the provisions of such chapter shall apply to funds appropriated by this paragraph.
- (b) None of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be made available to the Government of Russia-
- (1) unless that Government is making progress in implementing comprehensive

economic reforms based on market principles, private ownership, negotiating repayment of commercial debt, respect for commercial contracts, and equitable treatment of foreign private investment;

(2) if that Government applies or transfers United States assistance to any entity for the purpose of expropriating or seizing ownership or control of assets, investments, or ventures: and

(3) funds may be furnished without regard to this subsection if the President determines that to do so is in the national inter-

- (c) None of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be made available to any government of the new independent states of the former Soviet Union if that government directs any action in violation of the territorial integrity or national sovereignty of any other new independent state, such as those violations included in the Helsinki Final Act: Provided That such funds may be made available without regard to the restriction in this subsection if the President determines that to do so is in the national security interest of the United States: Provided further. That the restriction of this subsection shall not apply to the use of such funds for the provision of assistance for purposes of humanitarian and refugee relief.
- (d) None of the funds appropriated under this heading for the new independent states of the former Soviet Union shall be made available for any state to enhance its military capability: Provided, That this restriction does not apply to demilitarization, demining, or nonproliferation programs.

(e) Funds appropriated under this heading shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations

(f) Funds made available in this Act for assistance to the new independent states of the former Soviet Union shall be subject to the provisions of section 117 (relating to environment and natural resources) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

(g) Funds appropriated under title II of this Act, including funds appropriated under this heading, may be made available for assistance for Mongolia: Provided, That funds made available for assistance for Mongolia may be made available in accordance with the purposes and utilizing the authorities provided in chapter 11 of part I of the For-

eign Assistance Act of 1961.

- (h) In issuing new task orders, entering into contracts, or making grants, with funds appropriated under this heading or in prior appropriations Acts, for projects or activities that have as one of their primary purposes the fostering of private sector development, the Coordinator for United States Assistance to the New Independent States and the implementing agency shall encourage the participation of and give significant weight to contractors and grantees who propose investing a significant amount of their own resources (including volunteer services and in-kind contributions) in such projects and activities.
- (i) Funds appropriated under this heading or in prior appropriations Acts that are or have been made available for an Enterprise Fund may be deposited by such Fund in interest-bearing accounts prior to the disbursement of such funds by the Fund for program purposes. The Fund may retain for such program purposes any interest earned on such deposits without returning such interest to the Treasury of the United States and without further appropriation by the Congress. Funds made available for Enterprise Funds shall be expended at the minimum rate necessary to make timely payment for projects and activities.
 (j)(1) Of the funds appropriated under this

heading that are allocated for assistance for

the Government of Russia, 50 percent shall be withheld from obligation until the President determines and certifies in writing to the Committees on Appropriations that the Government of Russia has terminated implementation of arrangements to provide Iran with technical expertise, training, technology, or equipment necessary to develop a nuclear reactor, related nuclear research facilities or programs, or ballistic missile capability.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) assistance may be provided for the Government of Russia if the President determines and certifies to the Committees on Appropriations that making such funds available (A) is vital to the national security interest of the United States, and (B) that the Government of Russia is taking meaningful steps to limit major supply contracts and to curtail the transfer of technology and technological expertise related to activities referred to in

paragraph (1).

(k) Of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less than \$225,000,000 shall be made available for Ukraine, which sum shall be provided with the understanding that Ukraine will undertake significant economic reforms which are additional to those which were undertaken in the previous fiscal year: *Provided*, That 50 percent of the amount made available in this subsection, exclusive of funds made available for election related initiatives and nuclear reactor safety activities, shall be withheld from obligation and expenditure until the Secretary of State determines and certifies no later than April 30. 1998, that the Government of Ukraine has made significant progress toward resolving complaints made by United States investors to the United States embassy prior to April 30, 1997: Provided further, That funds made available under this subsection, and funds appropriated for Ukraine in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997 as contained in Public Law 104-208 shall be made available to complete the preparation of safety analysis reports at each nuclear reactor in Ukraine over the next three years.

(l) Of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less than \$250,000,000 shall be made available for assistance for the Southern Caucasus region: Provided, That of the funds provided under this subsection 37 percent shall be made available for Georgia and 35 percent shall be made available for Armenia: Provided further, That of the funds made available for the Southern Caucasus region, 28 percent should be used for reconstruction and remedial activities relating to the consequences of conflicts within the region, especially those in the vicinity of Abkhazia and Nagorno-Karabakh: Provided further, That if the Secretary of State after May 30, 1998, determines and reports to the relevant Committees of Congress that the full amount of reconstruction and remedial funds that may be made available under the previous proviso cannot be effectively utilized, up to 62.5 percent of the amount provided under the previous proviso for reconstruction and remediation may be used for other purposes

under this heading.

(m) Funds provided under the previous subsection shall be made available for humanitarian assistance for refugees, displaced persons, and needy civilians affected by the conflicts in the Southern Caucasus region, including those in the vicinity of Abkhazia and

Nagorno-Karabakh, notwithstanding

other provision of this or any other Act. (n) Funds made available under this Act or any other Act may not be provided for assistance to the Government of Azerbaijan until the President determines, and so reports to the Congress, that the Government of Azerbaijan is taking demonstrable steps to cease all blockades against Armenia and

Nagorno-Karabakh: Provided, That the restriction of this subsection and section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act shall not apply

- (1) activities to support democracy or assistance under title V of the FREEDOM Support Act and section 1424 of Public Law 104-201
- (2) any assistance provided by the Trade and Development Agency under section 661 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2421): and
- (3) any activity carried out by a member of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service while acting within his or her offi-
- cial capacity.

 (o) None of the funds appropriated under this heading or in prior appropriations legislation may be made available to establish a joint public-private entity or organization engaged in the management of activities or projects supported by the Defense Enterprise Fund.

INDEPENDENT AGENCY PEACE CORPS

For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the Peace Corps Act (75 Stat. 612), \$222,000,000, including the purchase of not to exceed five passenger motor vehicles for administrative purposes for use outside of the United States: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be used to pay for abortions: Provided further, That funds appropriated under this heading shall remain available until September 30, 1999.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

For necessary expenses to carry out section 481 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, \$215,000,000: *Provided*, That during fiscal year 1998, the Department of State may also use the authority of section 608 of the Act, without regard to its restrictions, to receive non-lethal excess property from an agency of the United States Government for the purpose of providing it to a foreign country under chapter 8 of part I of that Act subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That not later than sixty days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State in consultation with the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations containing: (1) a list of all countries in which the United States carries out international counter-narcotics activities; (2) the number, mission and agency affiliation of United States personnel assigned to each such country; and (3) all costs and expenses obligated for each program, project or activity by each United States agency in each country: *Provided further*, That of the amount made available under this heading not to exceed \$5,000,000 shall be allocated to operate the Western Hemisphere International Law Enforcement Academy: Provided further, That 10 percent of the funds appropriated under this heading shall not be available for obligation until the Secretary of State submits a report to the Committees on Appropriations providing a financial plan for the funds appropriated under this heading and under the heading "Narcotics Inter-

NARCOTICS INTERDICTION

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 481 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes, which shall be available for assistance, including procurement, for support of air drug interdiction and eradication and other related purposes: Provided, That funds appropriated under this heading shall be

made available subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committee on Appropriations.

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

For expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary to enable the Secretary of State to provide, as authorized by law, a contribution to the International Committee of the Red Cross, assistance to refugees, including contributions to the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and other activities to meet refugee and migration needs: salaries and expenses of personnel and de-pendents as authorized by the Foreign Service Act of 1980: allowances as authorized by sections 5921 through 5925 of title 5, United States Code; purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles; and services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, \$650,000,000: *Provided*, That not more than \$12,000,000 shall be available for administrative expenses: Provided further, That not less than \$80,000,000 shall be made available for refugees from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and other refugees resettling in Israel

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT ASSISTANCE

For necessary expenses for the targeted assistance program authorized by title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act and section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 and administered by the Office of Refugee Resettlement of the Department of Health and Human Services, in addition to amounts otherwise available for such purposes, \$5,000,000.

UNITED STATES EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 2(c) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962, as amended (22 U.S.C. 260(c)), \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the funds made available under this heading are appropriated notwithstanding the provisions contained in section 2(c)(2) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 which would limit the amount of funds which could be appropriated for this purpose.

NONPROLIFERATION, ANTI-TERRORISM, DEMINING AND RELATED PROGRAMS

For necessary expenses for nonproliferation, anti-terrorism and related programs and activities, \$133,000,000, to carry out the provisions of chapter 8 of part II of the For-eign Assistance Act of 1961 for anti-terrorism assistance, section 504 of the FREEDOM Support Act for the Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund, section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act or the Foreign Assistance Act of for demining, the clearance of unexploded ordnance, and related activities, notwithstanding any other provision of law, including activities implemented through nongovernmental and international organizations, section 301 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for a voluntary contribution to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and a voluntary contribution to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO): Provided, That of this amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, to remain available until expended, may be made available for the Nonproliferation and Disarmament Fund, notwithstanding any other provision of law, to promote bilateral and multilateral activities relating to nonproliferation and disarmament: Provided further, That such funds may also be used for such countries other than the new independent states of the former Soviet Union and international organizations when it is in the national security interest of the United States to do so: Provided further, That such funds shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appro-

priations: Provided further, That funds appropriated under this heading may be made available for the International Atomic Energy Agency only if the Secretary of State determines (and so reports to the Congress) that Israel is not being denied its right to participate in the activities of that Agency: Provided further, That not to exceed \$30,000,000 may be made available to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO) only for the administrative expenses and heavy fuel oil costs associated with the Agreed Framework: Provided further, That such funds may be obligated to KEDO only if, thirty days prior to such obligation of funds, the President certifies and so reports to Congress that: (1)(A) the parties to the Agreed Framework are taking steps to assure that progress is made on the implementation of the January 1, 1992, Joint Declaration on the Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the implementation of the North-South dialogue, and (B) North Korea is complying with the other provisions of the Agreed Framework between North Korea and the United States and with the Confidential Minute; (2) North Korea is cooperating fully in the canning and safe storage of all spent fuel from its graphite-moderated nuclear reactors and that such canning and safe storage is scheduled to be completed by April 1, 1998; and (3) North Korea has not significantly diverted assistance provided by the United States for purposes for which it was not intended: Provided further, That the President may waive the certification requirements of the preceding proviso if the President determines that it is vital to the national security interests of the United States: Provided further, That no funds may be obligated for KEDO until thirty calendar days after submission to Congress of the waiver permitted under the preceding proviso: Provided further, That the obligation of any funds for KEDO shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an annual report (to be submitted with the annual presentation for appropriations) providing a full and detailed accounting of the fiscal year request for the United States contribution to KEDO, the expected operating budget of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, to include unpaid debt, proposed annual costs associated with heavy fuel oil purchases, and the amount of funds pledged by other donor nations and organizations to support KEDO activities on a per country basis, and other related activities: Provided further, That of the funds made available under this heading, up to \$10,000,000 may be made available to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO), in addition to funds otherwise made available under this heading for KEDO, if the Secretary of State certifies and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that, except for the funds made available under this proviso, funds sufficient to cover all outstanding debts owed by KEDO for heavy fuel oil have been provided to KEDO by donors other than the United States.

TITLE III—MILITARY ASSISTANCE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 541 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, \$50,000,000: Provided, That the civilian personnel for whom military education and training may be provided under this heading may include civilians who are not members of a government whose participation would contribute to improved civil-military relations, civilian control of the military, or respect for human rights:

Provided further, That funds appropriated under this heading for grant financed military education and training for Indonesia and Guatemala may only be available for expanded international military education and training and funds made available for Guatemala may only be provided through the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading may be made available to support grant financed military education and training at the School of the Americas unless: (1) the Secretary of Defense certifies that the instruction and training provided by the School of the Americas is fully consistent with training and doctrine, particularly with respect to the observance of human rights, provided by the Department of Defense to United States military students at Department of Defense institutions whose primary purpose is to train United States military personnel; (2) the Secretary of Defense certifies that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, has developed and issued specific guidelines governing the selection and screening of candidates for instruction at the School of the Americas; and (3) the Secretary of Defense submits to the Committees on Appropriations a report detailing the training activities of the School of the Americas and a general assessment regarding the performance of its graduates during

FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCING PROGRAM

For expenses necessary for grants to enable the President to carry out the provisions of section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act, \$3,296,550,000: Provided, That of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less than \$1,800,000,000 shall be available for grants only for Israel, and not less than \$1,300,000,000 shall be made available for grants only for Egypt: Provided further, That the funds appropriated by this paragraph for Israel shall be disbursed within thirty days of enactment of this Act or by October 31, 1997, whichever is later: Provided further, That to the extent that the Government of Israel requests that funds be used for such purposes, grants made available for Israel by this paragraph shall, as agreed by Israel and the United States, be available for advanced weapons systems, of which not less than \$475,000,000 shall be available for the procurement in Israel of defense articles and defense services, including research and development: *Provided further*, That of the funds appropriated by this paragraph, not less than \$75,000,000 shall be available for assistance for Jordan: *Provided further*, That during fiscal year 1998 the President is authorized to, and shall, direct drawdowns of defense articles from the stocks of the Department of Defense, defense services of the Department of Defense, and military education and training of an aggregate value of not less than \$25,000,000 under the authority of this proviso for Jordan for the purposes of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and any amount so directed shall count toward meeting the earmark in the previous proviso: Provided further, That section 506(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 shall apply, and section 632(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 shall not apply, to any such drawdown: Provided further, That of the funds appropriated by this paragraph, a total of \$18,300,000 should be available for assistance for Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania: Provided further, That none of the funds made available under this heading shall be available for any non-NATO country participating in the Partnership for Peace Program except through the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That funds appropriated by this paragraph shall be nonrepayable notwithstanding any requirement in section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act: Provided further, That funds made available under this paragraph shall be obligated upon apportionment in accordance with paragraph (5)(C) of title 31, United States Code, section 1501(a): Provided further, That \$50,000,000 of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this heading should be made available for the purpose of facilitating the integration of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans authorized by section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act as follows: cost of direct loans, \$60,000,000: Provided, That these funds are available to subsidize gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans of not to exceed \$657,000,000: Provided further, That the rate of interest charged on such loans shall be not less than the current average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities: Provided further, That funds appropriated under this paragraph shall be made available for Greece and Turkey only on a loan basis, and the principal amount of direct loans for each country shall not exceed the following: \$105,000,000 only for Greece and \$150,000,000 only for Turkey.

None of the funds made available under this heading shall be available to finance the procurement of defense articles, defense services, or design and construction services that are not sold by the United States Government under the Arms Export Control Act unless the foreign country proposing to make such procurements has first signed an agreement with the United States Government specifying the conditions under which such procurements may be financed with such funds: Provided, That all country and funding level increases in allocations shall be submitted through the regular notification procedures of section 515 of this Act: *Provided further*. That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be available for Sudan and Liberia: Provided further, That funds made available under this heading may be used, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for demining, the clearance of unexploded ordnance, and related activities and may include activities implemented through nongovernmental and international organizations: Provided further. That only those countries for which assistance was justified for the "Foreign Military Sales Financing Program" in the fiscal year 1989 congressional presentation for security assistance programs may utilize funds made available under this heading for procurement of defense articles, defense services or design and construction services that are not sold by the United States Government under the Arms Export Control Act: Provided further, That subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations, funds made available under this heading for the cost of direct loans may also be used to supplement the funds available under this heading for grants, and funds made available under this heading for grants may also be used to supplement the funds available under this heading for the cost of direct loans: Provided further, That funds appropriated under this heading shall be expended at the minimum rate necessary to make timely payment for defense articles and services: Provided further, That not more than \$23,250,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading may be obligated for necessary expenses, including the purchase of passenger motor vehicles for replacement only for use outside of the United States, for the general costs of administering military assistance and sales: Provided further, That

none of the funds under this heading shall be available for Guatemala: Provided further, That not more than \$350,000,000 of funds realized pursuant to section 21(e)(1)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act may be obligated for expenses incurred by the Department of Defense during fiscal year 1998 pursuant to section 43(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, except that this limitation may be exceeded only through the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 551 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, \$77,500,000: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be obligated or expended except as provided through the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

TITLE IV—MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PRESIDENT INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

For payment to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the United States contribution to the Global Environment Facility (GEF), \$47,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 1999.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

For payment to the International Development Association by the Secretary of the Treasury, \$1,034,503,100, to remain available until expended, of which \$234,503,100 shall be available to pay for the tenth replenishment: Provided, That none of the funds may be obligated or made available until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies to the Committees on Appropriations that procurement restrictions applicable to United States firms under the terms of the Interim Trust Fund have been lifted from all funds which Interim Trust Fund donors proposed to set aside for review of procurement restrictions at the conclusion of the February 1997 IDA Deputies Meeting in Paris.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

For payment to the Inter-American Development Bank by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the United States share of the paidin share portion of the increase in capital stock, \$25,610,667, and for the United States share of the increase in the resources of the Fund for Special Operations, \$20,835,000, to remain available until expended.

LIMITATION ON CALLABLE CAPITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank may subscribe without fiscal year limitation to the callable capital portion of the United States share of such capital stock in an amount not to exceed \$1.503.718.910.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS MULTILATERAL INVESTMENT FUND

For payment to the Enterprise for the Americas Multilateral Investment Fund by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the United States contribution to the Fund to be administered by the Inter-American Development Bank, \$30,000,000 to remain available until expended, which shall be available for contributions previously due.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

For payment to the Asian Development Bank by the Secretary of the Treasury for the United States share of the paid-in portion of the increase in capital stock,

\$13,221,596, to remain available until expended.

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LIMITATION ON CALLABLE CAPITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank may subscribe without fiscal year limitation to the callable capital portion of the United States share of such capital stock in an amount not to exceed \$647.858.204.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

For the United States contribution by the Secretary of the Treasury to the increases in resources of the Asian Development Fund, as authorized by the Asian Development Bank Act, as amended (Public Law 89–369), \$150,000,000, of which \$50,000,000 shall be available for contributions previously due, to remain available until expended.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

For the United States contribution by the Secretary of the Treasury to the increase in resources of the African Development Fund, \$45,000,000, to remain available until expended and which shall be available for contributions previously due.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

For payment to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development by the Secretary of the Treasury, \$35,778,717, for the United States share of the paid-in portion of the increase in capital stock, to remain available until expended.

LIMITATION ON CALLABLE CAPITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development may subscribe without fiscal year limitation to the callable capital portion of the United States share of such capital stock in an amount not to exceed \$123,237,803.

NORTH AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

For payment to the North American Development Bank by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the United States share of the paidin portion of the capital stock, \$56,500,000, to remain available until expended of which \$250,000 shall be available for contributions previously due: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading that are made available for the Community Adjustment and Investment Program shall be used for purposes other than those set out in the binational agreement establishing the Bank: Provided further, That of the amount appropriated under this heading, not more than \$41,250,000 may be expended for the purchase of such capital shares in fiscal year

LIMITATION ON CALLABLE CAPITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The United States Governor of the North American Development Bank may subscribe without fiscal year limitation to the callable capital portion of the United States share of the capital stock of the North American Development Bank in an amount not to exceed \$318,750,000.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 301 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, and of section 2 of the United Nations Environment Program Participation Act of 1973, \$192,000,000: Provided, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading shall be made available for the United Nations Fund for Science and Technology: Provided further, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading that are made available to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) shall be made available for activities in the People's Re-

public of China: Provided further, That not more than \$25,000,000 of the funds appropriated under this heading may be made available to UNFPA: Provided further, That not more than one-half of this amount may be provided to UNFPA before March 1, 1998, and that no later than February 15, 1998, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations indicating the amount UNFPA is budgeting for the People's Republic of China in 1998: Provided further, That any amount UNFPA plans to spend in the People's Republic of China in 1998 shall be deducted from the amount of funds provided to UNFPA after March 1, 1998, pursuant to the previous provisos: Provided further, That with respect to any funds appropriated under this heading that are made available to UNFPA, UNFPA shall be required to maintain such funds in a separate account and not commingle them with any other funds: Provided further, That none of the funds appropriated under this heading may be made available to the Korean Penin-Energy Development Organization (KEDO) or the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA): Provided further, That not less than \$4,000,000 should be made available to the World Food Program.

TITLE V—GENERAL PROVISIONS OBLIGATIONS DURING LAST MONTH OF AVAILABILITY

SEC. 501. Except for the appropriations entitled "International Disaster Assistance", and "United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund", not more than 15 percent of any appropriation item made available by this Act shall be obligated during the last month of availability.

PROHIBITION OF BILATERAL FUNDING FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

SEC. 502. Notwithstanding section 614 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, none of the funds contained in title II of this Act may be used to carry out the provisions of section 209(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

LIMITATION ON RESIDENCE EXPENSES

SEC. 503. Of the funds appropriated or made available pursuant to this Act, not to exceed \$126,500 shall be for official residence expenses of the Agency for International Development during the current fiscal year *Provided*, That appropriate steps shall be taken to assure that, to the maximum extent possible, United States-owned foreign currencies are utilized in lieu of dollars.

LIMITATION ON EXPENSES

SEC. 504. Of the funds appropriated or made available pursuant to this Act, not to exceed \$5,000 shall be for entertainment expenses of the Agency for International Development during the current fiscal year.

LIMITATION ON REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCES

SEC. 505. Of the funds appropriated or made available pursuant to this Act, not to exceed \$95,000 shall be available for representation allowances for the Agency for International Development during the current fiscal year: Provided, That appropriate steps shall be taken to assure that, to the maximum extent possible, United States-owned foreign currencies are utilized in lieu of dollars: Provided further, That of the funds made available by this Act for general costs of administering military assistance and sales under the heading "Foreign Military Financing Program", not to exceed \$2,000 shall be available for entertainment expenses and not to exceed \$50,000 shall be available for representation allowances: Provided further, That of the funds made available by this Act under the heading 'International Military Education and Training', not to exceed \$50,000 shall be available for entertainment allowances: Provided further, That of the funds made available by this Act for the Inter-American Foundation, not to exceed \$2,000 shall be available for entertainment and representation allowances: Provided further, That of the funds made available by this Act for the Peace Corps, not to exceed a total of \$4,000 shall be available for entertainment expenses: Provided further, That of the funds made available by this Act under the heading "Trade and Development Agency", not to exceed \$2,000 shall be available for representation and entertainment allowances.

PROHIBITION ON FINANCING NUCLEAR GOODS

SEC. 506. None of the funds appropriated or made available (other than funds for "Non-proliferation, Antiterrorism, Demining and Related Programs") pursuant to this Act, for carrying out the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, may be used, except for purposes of nuclear safety, to finance the export of nuclear equipment, fuel, or technology.

PROHIBITION AGAINST DIRECT FUNDING FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES

SEC. 507. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available pursuant to this Act shall be obligated or expended to finance directly any assistance or reparations to Cuba, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Iran, Sudan, or Syria: *Provided*, That for purposes of this section, the prohibition on obligations or expenditures shall include direct loans, credits, insurance and guarantees of the Export-Import Bank or its agents.

MILITARY COUPS

SEC. 508. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available pursuant to this Act shall be obligated or expended to finance directly any assistance to any country whose duly elected Head of Government is deposed by military coup or decree: *Provided*, That assistance may be resumed to such country if the President determines and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that subsequent to the termination of assistance a democratically elected government has taken office.

TRANSFERS BETWEEN ACCOUNTS

SEC. 509. None of the funds made available by this Act may be obligated under an appropriation account to which they were not appropriated, except for transfers specifically provided for in this Act, unless the President, prior to the exercise of any authority contained in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to transfer funds, consults with and provides a written policy justification to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate: *Provided*, That the exercise of such authority shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

DEOBLIGATION/REOBLIGATION AUTHORITY

SEC. 510. (a) Amounts certified pursuant to section 1311 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1955, as having been obligated against appropriations heretofore under the authority of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for the same general purpose as any of the headings under title II of this Act are, if deobligated, hereby continued available for the same period as the respective appropriations under such headings or until September 30, 1998, whichever is later, and for the same general purpose, and for countries within the same region as originally obligated: *Provided*, That the Appropriations Committees of both Houses of the Congress are notified fifteen days in advance of the reobligation of such funds in accordance with regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

(b) Obligated balances of funds appropriated to carry out section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act as of the end of the fiscal year immediately preceding the current fis-

cal year are, if deobligated, hereby continued available during the current fiscal year for the same purpose under any authority applicable to such appropriations under this Act. *Provided*, That the authority of this subsection may not be used in fiscal year 1998.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

SEC. 511. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation after the expiration of the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided in this Act: Provided, That funds appropriated for the purposes of chapters 1, 8, and 11 of part I, section 667, and chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, and funds provided under the heading "Assistance for Eastern Europe and the Baltic States", shall remain available until expended if such funds are initially obligated before the expiration of their respective periods of availability contained in this Act: Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any funds made available for the purposes of chapter 1 of part I and chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 which are allocated or obligated for cash disbursements in order to address balance of payments or economic policy reform objectives, shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That the report required by section 653(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 shall designate for each country, to the extent known at the time of submission of such report. those funds allocated for cash disbursement for balance of payment and economic policy reform purposes.

LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES IN ${\tt DEFAULT}$

SEC. 512. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to furnish assistance to any country which is in default during a period in excess of one calendar year in payment to the United States of principal or interest on any loan made to such country by the United States pursuant to a program for which funds are appropriated under this Act: Provided, That this section and section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 shall not apply to funds made available in this Act or during the current fiscal year for Nicaragua and Liberia, and for any narcotics-related assistance for Colombia, Bolivia, and Peru authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 or the Arms Export Control Act.

COMMERCE AND TRADE

SEC. 513. (a) None of the funds appropriated or made available pursuant to this Act for direct assistance and none of the funds otherwise made available pursuant to this Act to the Export-Import Bank and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation shall be obligated or expended to finance any loan, any assistance or any other financial commitments for establishing or expanding production of any commodity for export by any country other than the United States, if the commodity is likely to be in surplus on world markets at the time the resulting productive capacity is expected to become operative and if the assistance will cause substantial injury to United States producers of the same, similar, or competing commodity: Provided, That such prohibition shall not apply to the Export-Import Bank if in the judgment of its Board of Directors the benefits to industry and employment in the United States are likely to outweigh the injury to United States producers of the same, similar, or competing commodity, and the Chairman of the Board so notifies the Committees on Appropriations.

(b) None of the funds appropriated by this or any other Act to carry out chapter 1 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 shall be available for any testing or breeding

feasibility study, variety improvement or introduction, consultancy, publication, conference, or training in connection with the growth or production in a foreign country of an agricultural commodity for export which would compete with a similar commodity grown or produced in the United States: *Provided*, That this subsection shall not prohibit—

(1) activities designed to increase food security in developing countries where such activities will not have a significant impact in the export of agricultural commodities of the United States; or

(2) research activities intended primarily to benefit American producers.

SURPLUS COMMODITIES

SEC. 514. The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the United States Executive Directors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Development Association, International Finance Corporation, Inter-American Development Bank, International Monetary Fund, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Investment Corporation, the North American Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the African Development Bank, and the African Development Fund to use the voice and vote of the United States to oppose any assistance by these institutions, using funds appropriated or made available pursuant to this Act, for the production or extraction of any commodity or mineral for export, if it is in surplus on world markets and if the assistance will cause substantial injury to United States producers of the same, similar, or competing commodity.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

SEC. 515. For the purposes of providing the Executive Branch with the necessary administrative flexibility, none of the funds made available under this Act for "Child Survival and Disease Programs Fund", "Development Assistance", "International organizations and programs', "Trade and Development Agency", "International narcotics control" Narcotics Interdiction", "Assistance for Eastern Europe and the Baltic States", sistance for the New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union", "Economic Support Fund", "Peacekeeping operations", Operating expenses of the Agency for International Development", "Operating expenses of the Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General", "Nonproliferation, anti-terrorism, demining and related programs'', "Foreign Military Financing "International military edu-Program". cation and training", "Peace Corps", "Migration and refugee assistance", shall be available for obligation for activities, programs, projects, type of materiel assistance, countries, or other operations not justified or in excess of the amount justified to the Appropriations Committees for obligation under any of these specific headings unless the Appropriations Committees of both Houses of Congress are previously notified fifteen days in advance: Provided, That the President shall not enter into any commitment of funds appropriated for the purposes of section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act for the provision of major defense equipment, other than conventional ammunition, or other major defense items defined to be aircraft, ships, missiles, or combat vehicles, not previously justified to Congress or 20 percent in excess of the quantities justified to Congress unless the Committees on Appropriations are notified fifteen days in advance of such commitment: Provided further, That this section shall not apply to any reprogramming for an activity, program, or project under chapter 1 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 of less than 10

percent of the amount previously justified to the Congress for obligation for such activity, program, or project for the current fiscal year: *Provided further*, That the requirements of this section or any similar provision of this Act or any other Act, including any prior Act requiring notification in accordance with the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations, may be waived if failure to do so would pose a substantial risk to human health or welfare: Provided further, That in case of any such waiver, notification to the Congress, or the appropriate congressional committees, shall be provided as early as practicable, but in no event later than three days after taking the action to which such notification requirement was applicable, in the context of the circumstances necessitating such waiver: Provided further, That any notification provided pursuant to such a waiver shall contain an explanation of the emergency circumstances.

Drawdowns made pursuant to section 506(a)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropria-

LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

SEC. 516. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or of this Act, none of the funds provided for "International Organizations and Programs" shall be available for the United States proportionate share, in accordance with section 307(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, for any programs identified in section 307, or for Libya, Iran, or, at the discretion of the President, Communist countries listed in section 620(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended: Provided, That, subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations, funds appropriated under this Act or any previously enacted Act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, which are returned or not made available for organizations and programs because of the implementation of this section or any similar provision of law, shall remain available for obligation through September 30,

ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL.

SEC. 517. The Congress finds that progress on the peace process in the Middle East is vitally important to United States security interests in the region. The Congress recognizes that, in fulfilling its obligations under the Treaty of Peace Between the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel, done at Washington on March 26, 1979, Israel incurred severe economic burdens. Furthermore, the Congress recognizes that an economically and militarily secure Israel serves the security interests of the United States. for a secure Israel is an Israel which has the incentive and confidence to continue pursuing the peace process. Therefore, the Congress declares that, subject to the availability of appropriations, it is the policy and the intention of the United States that the funds provided in annual appropriations for the Economic Support Fund which are allocated to Israel shall not be less than the annual debt repayment (interest and principal) from Israel to the United States Government in recognition that such a principle serves United States interests in the region.

PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR ABORTIONS AND INVOLUNTARY STERILIZATION

SEC. 518. None of the funds made available to carry out part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, may be used to pay for the performance of abortions as a method of family planning or to motivate or coerce any person to practice abortions. None of the funds made available to carry out part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, may be used to pay for the performance of involuntary sterilization as a method of family planning or to coerce or provide any financial incentive to any person to undergo sterilizations. None of the funds made available to carry out part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, may be used to pay for any biomedical research which relates in whole or in part, to methods of, or the performance of, abortions or involuntary sterilization as a means of family planning. None of the funds made available to carry out part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, may be obligated or expended for any country or organization if the President certifies that the use of these funds by any such country or organization would violate any of the above provisions related to abortions and involuntary sterilizations: Provided, That none of the funds made available under this Act may be used to lobby for or against abortion.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT

SEC. 519. Section 25 of the Arms Export Control Act is amended-

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "Con-ress" and inserting in lieu thereof "approgress" and inserting in lieu thereof priate congressional committees"

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate or the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives" and inserting in lieu thereof "any of the congressional committees described in subsection (e)"; and

(3) by adding the following subsection:
"(e) As used in this section, the term 'appropriate congressional committees' means the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SPECIAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

SEC. 520. None of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be obligated or expended for Colombia, Haiti, Liberia, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Serbia, Sudan, or the Democratic Republic of Congo except as provided through the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

DEFINITION OF PROGRAM, PROJECT, AND ACTIVITY

SEC. 521. For the purpose of this Act, "program, project, and activity" shall be defined at the Appropriations Act account level and shall include all Appropriations and Authorizations Acts earmarks, ceilings, and limitations with the exception that for the following accounts: Economic Support Fund and Foreign Military Financing Program, "program, project, and activity" shall also be considered to include country, regional, and central program level funding within each such account; for the development assistance accounts of the Agency for International Development "program, project, and activity" shall also be considered to include central program level funding, either as (1) justified to the Congress, or (2) allocated by the executive branch in accordance with a report, to be provided to the Committees on Appropriations within thirty days of enactment of this Act, as required by section 653(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. CHILD SURVIVAL, AIDS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

SEC. 522. Up to \$10,000,000 of the funds made available by this Act for assistance for family planning, health, child survival, basic education, and AIDS, may be used to reimburse United States Government agencies, agencies of State governments, institutions of higher learning, and private and voluntary organizations for the full cost of individuals (including for the personal services of such individuals) detailed or assigned to, or contracted by, as the case may be, the Agency for International Development for the purpose of carrying out family planning activities, child survival, and basic education activities, and activities relating to research on, and the treatment and control of acquired immune deficiency syndrome in developing countries: Provided, That funds appropriated by this Act that are made available for child survival activities or activities relating to research on, and the treatment and control of, acquired immune deficiency syndrome may be made available notwithstanding any provision of law that restricts assistance to foreign countries: Provided further, That funds appropriated by this Act that are made available for family planning activities may be made available notwithstanding section 512 of this Act and section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

PROHIBITION AGAINST INDIRECT FUNDING TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES

SEC. 523. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available pursuant to this Act shall be obligated to finance indirectly any assistance or reparations to Cuba, Iraq, Libya, Iran, Syria, North Korea, or the People's Republic of China, unless the President of the United States certifies that the withholding of these funds is contrary to the national interest of the United States.

RECIPROCAL LEASING

SEC. 524. Section 61(a) of the Arms Export Control Act is amended by striking out "1997" and inserting in lieu thereof "1998".

NOTIFICATION ON EXCESS DEFENSE EQUIPMENT SEC. 525. Prior to providing excess Department of Defense articles in accordance with section 516(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the Department of Defense shall notify the Committees on Appropriations to the same extent and under the same conditions as are other committees pursuant to subsection (c) of that section: Provided. That before issuing a letter of offer to sell excess defense articles under the Arms Export Control Act, the Department of Defense shall notify the Committees on Appropriations in accordance with the regular notification procedures of such Committees: Provided further, That such Committees shall also be informed of the original acquisition cost of such defense articles.

AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENT

SEC. 526. Funds appropriated by this Act may be obligated and expended notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91-672 and section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956.

PROHIBITION ON BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO TERRORIST COUNTRIES

SEC. 527. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds appropriated for bilateral assistance under any heading of this Act and funds appropriated under any such heading in a provision of law enacted prior to enactment of this Act, shall not be made available to any country which the President determines-

- (1) grants sanctuary from prosecution to any individual or group which has committed an act of international terrorism; or
- (2) otherwise supports international terrorism.
- (b) The President may waive the application of subsection (a) to a country if the President determines that national security or humanitarian reasons justify such waiver. The President shall publish each waiver in the Federal Register and, at least fifteen days before the waiver takes effect, shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the waiver (including the justification for the waiver) in accordance with the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

COMMERCIAL LEASING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES

SEC. 528. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations, the authority of section 23(a) of the Arms Export Control Act may be used to provide financing to Israel, Egypt and NATO and major non-NATO allies for the procurement by leasing (including leasing with an option to purchase) of defense articles from United States commercial suppliers, not including Major Defense Equipment (other than helicopters and other types of aircraft having possible civilian application), if the President determines that there are compelling foreign policy or national security reasons for those defense articles being provided by commercial lease rather than by government-to-government sale under such Act.

COMPETITIVE INSURANCE

SEC. 529. All Agency for International Development contracts and solicitations, and subcontracts entered into under such contracts, shall include a clause requiring that United States insurance companies have a fair opportunity to bid for insurance when such insurance is necessary or appropriate.

STINGERS IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION

SEC. 530. Except as provided in section 581 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1990, the United States may not sell or otherwise make available any Stingers to any country bordering the Persian Gulf under the Arms Export Control Act or chapter 2 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

DEBT-FOR-DEVELOPMENT

SEC. 531. In order to enhance the continued participation of nongovernmental organizations in economic assistance activities under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, including endowments, debt-for-development and debtfor-nature exchanges, a nongovernmental organization which is a grantee or contractor of the Agency for International Development may place in interest bearing accounts funds made available under this Act or prior Acts or local currencies which accrue to that organization as a result of economic assistance provided under title II of this Act and any interest earned on such investment shall be used for the purpose for which the assistance was provided to that organization.

SEPARATE ACCOUNTS

SEC. 532. (a) SEPARATE ACCOUNTS FOR LOCAL CURRENCIES .- (1) If assistance is furnished to the government of a foreign country under chapters 1 and 10 of part I or chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 under agreements which result in the generation of local currencies of that country, the Administrator of the Agency for International Development shall—

(A) require that local currencies be deposited in a separate account established by that government:

- (B) enter into an agreement with that government which sets forth-
- (i) the amount of the local currencies to be generated; and
- (ii) the terms and conditions under which the currencies so deposited may be utilized, consistent with this section; and
- (C) establish by agreement with that government the responsibilities of the Agency for International Development and that government to monitor and account for deposits into and disbursements from the separate ac-
- (2) USES OF LOCAL CURRENCIES.—As may be agreed upon with the foreign government, local currencies deposited in a separate account pursuant to subsection (a), or an equivalent amount of local currencies, shall be used only-

- (A) to carry out chapters 1 or 10 of part I or chapter 4 of part II (as the case may be), for such purposes as-
- (i) project and sector assistance activities;
- (ii) debt and deficit financing; or
- (B) for the administrative requirements of the United States Government.

PROGRAMMING ACCOUNTABILITY.—The Agency for International Development shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the equivalent of the local currencies disbursed pursuant to subsection (a)(2)(A) from the separate account established pursuant to subsection (a)(1) are used for the purposes agreed upon pursuant to subsection (a)(2)

(4) TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE PRO-GRAMS.—Upon termination of assistance to a country under chapters 1 or 10 of part I or chapter 4 of part II (as the case may be), any unencumbered balances of funds which remain in a separate account established pursuant to subsection (a) shall be disposed of for such purposes as may be agreed to by the government of that country and the United States Government.

(5) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The provisions of this subsection shall supersede the tenth and eleventh provisos contained under the heading "Sub-Saharan Africa, Development Assistance" as included in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1989 and sections 531(d) and 609 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

(6) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—The Administrator of the Agency for International Development shall report on an annual basis as part of the justification documents submitted to the Committees on Appropriations on the use of local currencies for the administrative requirements of the United States Government as authorized in subsection (a)(2)(B), and such report shall include the amount of local currency (and United States dollar equivalent) used and/or to be used for such purpose in each applicable country

(b) SEPARATE ACCOUNTS FOR CASH TRANS-FERS.—(1) If assistance is made available to the government of a foreign country, under chapters 1 or 10 of part I or chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as cash transfer assistance or as nonproject sector assistance, that country shall be required to maintain such funds in a separate account and not commingle them with any other

(2) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW.—Such funds may be obligated and expended notwithstanding provisions of law which are inconsistent with the nature of this assistance including provisions which are referenced in the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference accompanying House Joint Resolution 648 (H. Report No. 98-1159).

(3) NOTIFICATION.—At least fifteen days prior to obligating any such cash transfer or nonproject sector assistance, the President shall submit a notification through the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations, which shall include a detailed description of how the funds proposed to be made available will be used, with a discussion of the United States interests that will be served by the assistance (including, as appropriate, a description of the economic policy reforms that will be promoted by such assistance).

(4) EXEMPTION.—Nonproject sector assistance funds may be exempt from the requirements of subsection (b)(1) only through the notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

COMPENSATION FOR UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL IN-STITUTIONS

SEC. 533. (a) No funds appropriated by this Act may be made as payment to any inter-

national financial institution while the United States Executive Director to such institution is compensated by the institution at a rate which, together with whatever compensation such Director receives from the United States, is in excess of the rate provided for an individual occupying a position at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, or while any alternate United States Director to such institution is compensated by the institution at a rate in excess of the rate provided for an individual occupying a position at level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5, United States Code.

(b) For purposes of this section, "international financial institutions" are: the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Asian Development Fund, the African Development Bank, the African Development Fund, the International Monetary Fund, the North American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAQ

SEC. 534. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available pursuant to this Act to carry out the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (including title IV of chapter 2 of part I, relating to the Overseas Private Investment Corporation) or the Arms Export Control Act may be used to provide assistance to any country that is not in compliance with the United Nations Security Council sanctions against Iraq unless the President determines and so certifies to the Congress that—

(1) such assistance is in the national interest of the United States;

(2) such assistance will directly benefit the needy people in that country: or

(3) the assistance to be provided will be humanitarian assistance for foreign nationals who have fled Iraq and Kuwait.

COMPETITIVE PRICING FOR SALES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES

SEC. 535. Direct costs associated with meeting a foreign customer's additional or unique requirements will continue to be allowable under contracts under section 22(d) of the Arms Export Control Act. Loadings applicable to such direct costs shall be permitted at the same rates applicable to procurement of like items purchased by the Department of Defense for its own use.

EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO OBLIGATE FUNDS TO CLOSE THE SPECIAL DEFENSE ACQUISITION

SEC. 536. Title III of Public Law 103-306 is amended under the heading "Special Defense Acquisition Fund" by striking "1998" and inserting ''2000''

AUTHORITIES FOR THE PEACE CORPS, THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION AND THE AFRI-CAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

SEC. 537. Unless expressly provided to the contrary, provisions of this or any other Act, including provisions contained in prior Acts authorizing or making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs, shall not be construed to prohibit activities authorized by or conducted under the Peace Corps Act, the Inter-American Foundation Act, or the African Development Foundation Act. The appropriate agency shall promptly report to the Committees on Appropriations whenever it is conducting activities or is proposing to conduct activities in a country for which assistance is prohibited.

IMPACT ON JOBS IN THE UNITED STATES

SEC. 538. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be obligated or expended to provide(a) any financial incentive to a business enterprise currently located in the United States for the purpose of inducing such an enterprise to relocate outside the United States if such incentive or inducement is likely to reduce the number of employees of such business enterprise in the United States because United States production is being replaced by such enterprise outside the United States:

(b) assistance for the purpose of establishing or developing in a foreign country any export processing zone or designated area in which the tax, tariff, labor, environment, and safety laws of that country do not apply, in part or in whole, to activities carried out within that zone or area, unless the President determines and certifies that such assistance is not likely to cause a loss of jobs within the United States; or

(c) assistance for any project or activity that contributes to the violation of internationally recognized workers rights, as defined in section 502(a)(4) of the Trade Act of 1974, of workers in the recipient country, including any designated zone or area in that country: *Provided*, That in recognition that the application of this subsection should be commensurate with the level of development of the recipient country and sector, the provisions of this subsection shall not preclude assistance for the informal sector in such country, micro and small-scale enterprise, and smallholder agriculture.

SPECIAL AUTHORITIES

SEC. 539. (a) Funds appropriated in title II of this Act that are made available for Afghanistan, Lebanon, and for victims of war, displaced children, displaced Burmese, humanitarian assistance for Romania, and humanitarian assistance for the peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, and Kosova, may be made available notwithstanding any other provision of law.

(b) Funds appropriated by this Act to carry out the provisions of sections 103 through 106 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 may be used, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purpose of supporting tropical forestry and energy programs aimed at reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, and for the purpose of supporting biodiversity conservation activities: *Provided*, That such assistance shall be subject to sections 116, 502B, and 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961

(c) The Agency for International Development may employ personal services contractors, notwithstanding any other provision of law, for the purpose of administering programs for the West Bank and Gaza.

(d)(1) WAIVER.—The President may waive the provisions of section 1003 of Public Law 100-204 if the President determines and certifies in writing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate that it is important to the national security interests of the United States.

(2) PERIOD OF APPLICATION OF WAIVER.—Any waiver pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be effective for no more than a period of six months at a time and shall not apply beyond twelve months after enactment of this Act.

POLICY ON TERMINATING THE ARAB LEAGUE
BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

SEC. 540. It is the sense of the Congress that— $\,$

(1) the Arab League countries should immediately and publicly renounce the primary boycott of Israel and the secondary and tertiary boycott of American firms that have commercial ties with Israel; and

(2) the decision by the Arab League in 1997 to reinstate the boycott against Israel was deeply troubling and disappointing; and

(3) the Arab League should immediately rescind its decision on the boycott and its

members should develop normal relations with their neighbor Israel; and $\,$

(4) the President should—

(A) take more concrete steps to encourage vigorously Arab League countries to renounce publicly the primary boycotts of Israel and the secondary and tertiary boycotts of American firms that have commercial relations with Israel as a confidence-building measure;

(B) take into consideration the participation of any recipient country in the primary boycott of Israel and the secondary and tertiary boycotts of American firms that have commercial relations with Israel when determining whether to sell weapons to said country:

(C) report to Congress on the specific steps being taken by the President to bring about a public renunciation of the Arab primary boycott of Israel and the secondary and tertiary boycotts of American firms that have commercial relations with Israel and to expand the process of normalizing ties between Arab League countries and Israel; and

(D) encourage the allies and trading partners of the United States to enact laws prohibiting businesses from complying with the boycott and penalizing businesses that do comply.

ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES

SEC. 541. (a) Of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for "Economic Support Fund", assistance may be provided to strengthen the administration of justice in countries in Latin America and the Caribbean and in other regions consistent with the provisions of section 534(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, except that programs to enhance protection of participants in judicial cases may be conducted notwithstanding section 660 of that Act.

(b) Funds made available pursuant to this section may be made available notwith-standing section 534(c) and the second and third sentences of section 534(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. Funds made available pursuant to subsection (a) for Bolivia, Colombia, and Peru may be made available notwithstanding section 534(c) and the second sentence of section 534(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE

SEC. 542. (a) ASSISTANCE THROUGH NON-GOVERNMENTAL. ORGANIZATIONS.—Restrictions contained in this or any other Act with respect to assistance for a country shall not be construed to restrict assistance in support of programs of nongovernmental organizations from funds appropriated by this Act to carry out the provisions of chapters 1 and 10 and 11 of part I, and chapter 4 of part II, of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961: Provided, That the President shall take into consideration, in any case in which a restriction on assistance would be applicable but for this subsection, whether assistance in support of programs of nongovernmental organizations is in the national interest of the United States: Provided further, That before using the authority of this subsection to furnish assistance in support of programs of nongovernmental organizations, the President shall notify the Committees on Appropriations under the regular notification procedures of those committees, including a description of the program to be assisted, the assistance to be provided, and the reasons for furnishing such assistance: Provided further, That nothing in this subsection shall be construed to alter any existing statutory prohibitions against abortion or involuntary sterilizations contained in this or any other

(b) PUBLIC LAW 480.—During fiscal year 1998, restrictions contained in this or any other Act with respect to assistance for a country shall not be construed to restrict as-

sistance under the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954: *Provided*, That none of the funds appropriated to carry out title I of such Act and made available pursuant to this subsection may be obligated or expended except as provided through the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

(1) with respect to section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act or any comparable provision of law prohibiting assistance to countries that support international terrorism; or

(2) with respect to section 116 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 or any comparable provision of law prohibiting assistance to countries that violate internationally recognized human rights.

EARMARKS

SEC. 543. (a) Funds appropriated by this Act which are earmarked may be reprogrammed for other programs within the same account notwithstanding the earmark if compliance with the earmark is made impossible by operation of any provision of this or any other Act or, with respect to a country with which the United States has an agreement providing the United States with base rights or base access in that country, if the President determines that the recipient for which funds are earmarked has significantly reduced its military or economic cooperation with the United States since enactment of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1991; however, before exercising the authority of this subsection with regard to a base rights or base access country which has significantly reduced its military or economic cooperation with the United States, the President shall consult with, and shall provide a written policy justification to the Committees on Appropriations: Provided, That any such reprogramming shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations: Provided further, That assistance that is reprogrammed pursuant to this subsection shall be made available under the same terms and conditions as originally provided.

(b) In addition to the authority contained in subsection (a), the original period of availability of funds appropriated by this Act and administered by the Agency for International Development that are earmarked for particular programs or activities by this or any other Act shall be extended for an additional fiscal year if the Administrator of such agency determines and reports promptly to the Committees on Appropriations that the termination of assistance to a country or a significant change in circumstances makes it unlikely that such earmarked funds can be obligated during the original period of availability: Provided, That such earmarked funds that are continued available for an additional fiscal year shall be obligated only for the purpose of such earmark.

CEILINGS AND EARMARKS

SEC. 544. Ceilings and earmarks contained in this Act shall not be applicable to funds or authorities appropriated or otherwise made available by any subsequent Act unless such Act specifically so directs.

PROHIBITION ON PUBLICITY OR PROPAGANDA

SEC. 545. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes within the United States not authorized before the date of enactment of this Act by the Congress: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$500,000 may be made available to carry out the provisions of section 316 of Public Law 96-533.

PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS

SEC. 546. (a) To the maximum extent possible, assistance provided under this Act should make full use of American resources, including commodities, products, and services.

- (b) It is the Sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available in this Act should be American-made.
- (c) In providing financial assistance to, or entering into any contract with, any entity using funds made available in this Act, the head of each Federal agency, to the greatest extent practicable, shall provide to such entity a notice describing the statement made in subsection (b) by the Congress.

PROHIBITION OF PAYMENTS TO UNITED NATIONS MEMBERS

SEC. 547. None of the funds appropriated or made available pursuant to this Act for carrying out the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, may be used to pay in whole or in part any assessments, arrearages, or dues of any member of the United Nations.

CONSULTING SERVICES

SEC. 548. The expenditure of any appropriation under this Act for any consulting service through procurement contract, pursuant to section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, shall be limited to those contracts where such expenditures are a matter of public record and available for public inspection, except where otherwise provided under existing law, or under existing Executive order pursuant to existing law.

PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS—DOCUMENTATION

SEC. 549. None of the funds appropriated or made available pursuant to this Act shall be available to a private voluntary organization which fails to provide upon timely request any document, file, or record necessary to the auditing requirements of the Agency for International Development.

PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN GOV-ERNMENTS THAT EXPORT LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO COUNTRIES SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

SEC. 550. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be available to any foreign government which provides lethal military equipment to a country the government of which the Secretary of State has determined is a terrorist government for purposes of section 40(d) of the Arms Export Control Act. The prohibition under this section with respect to a foreign government shall terminate 12 months after that government ceases to provide such military equipment. This section applies with respect to lethal military equipment provided under a contract entered into after October 1, 1997.

(b) Assistance restricted by subsection (a) or any other similar provision of law, may be furnished if the President determines that furnishing such assistance is important to the national interests of the United States.

(c) Whenever the waiver of subsection (b) is exercised, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report with respect to the furnishing of such assistance. Any such report shall include a detailed explanation of the assistance estimated to be provided, including the estimated dollar amount of such assistance, and an explanation of how the assistance furthers United States national interests.

WITHHOLDING OF ASSISTANCE FOR PARKING FINES OWED BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES

SEC. 551. (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds made available for a foreign country under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961,

an amount equivalent to 110 percent of the total unpaid fully adjudicated parking fines and penalties owed to the District of Columbia by such country as of the date of enactment of this Act shall be withheld from obligation for such country until the Secretary of State certifies and reports in writing to the appropriate congressional committees that such fines and penalties are fully paid to the government of the District of Columbia.

(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE FOR THE PLO FOR THE WEST BANK AND GAZA

Sec. 552. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be obligated for assistance for the Palestine Liberation Organization for the West Bank and Gaza unless the President has exercised the authority under section 604(a) of the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1995 (title VI of Public Law 104-107) or any other legislation to suspend or make inapplicable section 307 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and that suspension is still in effect: Provided, That if the President fails to make the certification under section 604(b)(2) of the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1995 or to suspend the prohibition under other legislation, funds appropriated by this Act may not be obligated for assistance for the Palestine Liberation Organization for the West Bank and Gaza

WAR CRIMES TRIBUNALS DRAWDOWN

SEC. 553. If the President determines that doing so will contribute to a just resolution of charges regarding genocide or other violations of international humanitarian law, the President may direct a drawdown pursuant to section 552(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, of up to \$25,000,000 of commodities and services for the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal established with regard to the former Yugoslavia by the United Nations Security Council or such other tribunals or commissions as the Council may establish to deal with such violations, without regard to the ceiling limitation contained in paragraph (2) thereof: Provided, That the determination required under this section shall be in lieu of any determinations otherwise required under section 552(c): Provided further, That sixty days after the date of enactment of this Act, and every one hundred eighty days thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations describing the steps the United States Government is taking to collect information regarding allegations of genocide or other violations of international law in the former Yugoslavia and to furnish that information to the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

LANDMINES

SEC. 554. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, demining equipment available to the Agency for International Development and the Department of State and used in support of the clearance of landmines and unexploded ordnance for humanitarian purposes may be disposed of on a grant basis in foreign countries, subject to such terms and conditions as the President may prescribe: Provided, That not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations describing potential alternative technologies or tactics and a plan for the development of such alternatives to protect anti-tank mines from tampering in a manner consistent with the "Convention on the Prohibition, Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction".

RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

SEC. 555. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be obligated or expended to create in any part of Jerusalem a new office of any department or agency of the United States Government for the purpose of conducting official United States Government business with the Palestinian Authority over Gaza and Jericho or any successor Palestinian governing entity provided for in the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles: *Pro*vided, That this restriction shall not apply to the acquisition of additional space for the existing Consulate General in Jerusalem: Provided further, That meetings between officers and employees of the United States and officials of the Palestinian Authority, or any successor Palestinian governing entity provided for in the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles, for the purpose of conducting official United States Government business with such authority should continue to take place in locations other than Jerusalem. As has been true in the past, officers and employees of the United States Government may continue to meet in Jerusalem on other subjects with Palestinians (including those who now occupy positions in the Palestinian Authority), have social contacts, and have incidental discussions.

PROHIBITION OF PAYMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES

SEC. 556. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act under the heading "International Military Education and Training" or "Foreign Military Financing Program" for Informational Program activities may be obligated or expended to pay for—

(1) alcoholic beverages;

(2) food (other than food provided at a military installation) not provided in conjunction with Informational Program trips where students do not stay at a military installation; or

(3) entertainment expenses for activities that are substantially of a recreational character, including entrance fees at sporting events and amusement parks.

EQUITABLE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

SEC. 557. Not more than 18 percent of the funds appropriated by this Act to carry out the provisions of sections 103 through 106 and chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, that are made available for Latin America and the Caribbean region may be made available, through bilateral and Latin America and the Caribbean regional programs, to provide assistance for any country in such region.

SPECIAL DEBT RELIEF FOR THE POOREST

SEC. 558. (a) AUTHORITY TO REDUCE DEBT.— The President may reduce amounts owed to the United States (or any agency of the United States) by an eligible country as a result of—

- (1) guarantees issued under sections 221 and 222 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961; or
- (2) credits extended or guarantees issued under the Arms Export Control Act;
- (3) any obligation or portion of such obligation for a Latin American country, to pay for purchases of United States agricultural commodities guaranteed by the Commodity Credit Corporation under export credit guarantee programs authorized pursuant to section 5(f) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act of June 29, 1948, as amended, section 4(b) of the Food for Peace Act of 1966, as amended (Public Law 89-808).

or section 202 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978, as amended (Public Law 95-501).

(b) LIMITATIONS.-

(1) The authority provided by subsection (a) may be exercised only to implement multilateral official debt relief and referendum agreements, commonly referred to as "Paris Club Agreed Minutes'

(2) The authority provided by subsection (a) may be exercised only in such amounts or to such extent as is provided in advance by

appropriations Acts.

- (a) The authority provided by subsection (a) may be exercised only with respect to countries with heavy debt burdens that are eligible to borrow from the International Development Association, but not from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, commonly referred to as 'IDA-only'' countries.
- (c) CONDITIONS.—The authority provided by subsection (a) may be exercised only with respect to a country whose government-

(1) does not have an excessive level of military expenditures;

- (2) has not repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism;
- (3) is not failing to cooperate on international narcotics control matters;
- (4) (including its military or other security forces) does not engage in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized human rights; and

(5) is not ineligible for assistance because of the application of section 527 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995.

(d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The authority provided by subsection (a) may be used only with regard to funds appropriated by this Act under the heading "Debt restructuring".

(e) CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS INAPPLICABLE.reduction of debt pursuant to subsection (a) shall not be considered assistance for purposes of any provision of law limiting assistance to a country. The authority provided by subsection (a) may be exercised notwithstanding section 620(r) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE IN DEBT BUYBACKS OR SALES

SEC. 559. (a) LOANS ELIGIBLE FOR SALE, RE-DUCTION, OR CANCELLATION.-

- (1) AUTHORITY TO SELL, REDUCE, OR CANCEL CERTAIN LOANS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may, in accordance with this section, sell to any eligible purchaser any concessional loan or portion thereof made before January 1, 1995, pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, to the government of any eligible country as defined in section 702(6) of that Act or on receipt of payment from an eligible purchaser, reduce or cancel such loan or portion thereof, only for the purpose of facilitating-
- (A) debt-for-equity swaps, debt-for-development swaps, or debt-for-nature swaps; or
- (B) a debt buyback by an eligible country of its own qualified debt, only if the eligible country uses an additional amount of the local currency of the eligible country, equal to not less than 40 percent of the price paid for such debt by such eligible country, or the difference between the price paid for such debt and the face value of such debt, to support activities that link conservation and sustainable use of natural resources with local community development, and child survival and other child development, in a manner consistent with sections 707 through 710of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, if the sale, reduction, or cancellation would not contravene any term or condition of any prior agreement relating to such loan.
- TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President shall, in accordance with this section, establish the terms and conditions

under which loans may be sold, reduced, or canceled pursuant to this section.

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- (3) ADMINISTRATION.—The Facility, as defined in section 702(8) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, shall notify the administrator of the agency primarily responsible for administering part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 of purchasers that the President has determined to be eligible, and shall direct such agency to carry out the sale, reduction, or cancellation of a loan pursuant to this section. Such agency shall make an adjustment in its accounts to reflect the sale, reduction, or cancellation.
- (4) LIMITATION.—The authorities of this subsection shall be available only to the extent that appropriations for the cost of the modification, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, are made
- (b) DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.—The proceeds from the sale, reduction, or cancellation of any loan sold, reduced, or canceled pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the United States Government account or accounts established for the repayment of such
- (c) ELIGIBLE PURCHASERS.—A loan may be sold pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(A) only to a purchaser who presents plans satisfactory to the President for using the loan for the purpose of engaging in debt-for-equity swaps, debt-for-development swaps, or debt-for-nature swaps.
- (d) DEBTOR CONSULTATIONS.—Before the sale to any eligible purchaser, or any reduction or cancellation pursuant to this section, of any loan made to an eligible country, the President should consult with the country concerning the amount of loans to be sold, reduced, or canceled and their uses for debtfor-equity swaps, debt-for-development swaps, or debt-for-nature swaps.

 (e) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—The authority
- provided by subsection (a) may be used only with regard to funds appropriated by this Act under the heading "Debt restructuring".

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

SEC. 560. (a) AUTHORIZATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury may, to fulfill commitments of the United States: (1) effect the United States participation in the first general capital increase of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, subscribe to and make payment for 100,000 additional shares of the capital stock of the Bank on behalf of the United States; and (2) contribute on behalf of the United States to the eleventh replenishment of the resources of the International Development Association, to the sixth replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund, a special fund of the Asian Development Bank. The following amounts are authorized to be appropriated without fiscal year limitation for payment by the Secretary of the Treasury: (1) \$285,772,500 for paid-in capital, and \$984,327,500 for callable capital of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; (2) \$1,600,000,000 for the International Development Association; (3) \$400,000,000 for the Asian Development Fund; and (4) paid-in for capital, \$4,511,156,729 for callable capital of the Inter-American Development Bank in connection with the eighth general increase in the resources of that Bank. Each such subscription or contribution shall be subject to obtaining the necessary appropriations.

(b) CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IM-PACT OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORA-TION LOANS.—Section 1307 of the International Financial Institutions Act (Public Law 95-118) is amended as follows:

- (1) in subsection (a)(1)(A) strike "borrowing country" and insert in lieu thereof 'borrower'';
- (2) in subsection (a)(2)(A) strike "country";

(3) at the end of Section 1307, add a new subsection as follows:

(g) For purposes of this section, the term 'multilateral development bank' means any of the institutions named in Section 1303(b) of this Act, and the International Finance Corporation.

(c) The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the United States Executive Directors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association to use the voice and vote of the United States to strongly encourage their respective institutions to-

(1) provide timely public information on procurement opportunities available to United States suppliers, with a special emphasis on small business; and

(2) systematically consult with local communities on the potential impact of loans as part of the normal lending process, and expand the participation of affected peoples and nongovernmental organizations in decisions on the selection, design and implementation of policies and projects.

SANCTIONS AGAINST COUNTRIES HARBORING WAR CRIMINALS

SEC. 561. (a) BILATERAL ASSISTANCE.—The President is authorized to withhold funds appropriated by this Act under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 or the Arms Export Control Act for any country described in subsection (c).

(b) MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of the Treasury should instruct the United States executive directors of the international financial institutions to work in opposition to, and vote against, any extension by such institutions of financing or financial or technical assistance to any country described in subsection (c).

(c) SANCTIONED COUNTRIES.—A country described in this subsection is a country the government of which knowingly grants sanctuary to persons in its territory for the purpose of evading prosecution, where such persons-

(1) have been indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, or any other international tribunal with similar standing under international law; or

(2) have been indicted for war crimes or crimes against humanity committed during the period beginning March 23, 1933 and ending on May 8, 1945 under the direction of, or in association with-

(A) the Nazi government of Germany;

- (B) any government in any area occupied by the military forces of the Nazi government of Germany;
- (C) any government which was established with the assistance or cooperation of the Nazi government; or
- (D) any government which was an ally of the Nazi government of Germany.

LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE FOR HAITI

SEC. 562. (a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be provided to the Government of Haiti unless the President reports to Congress that the Government of Haiti-

(1) is conducting thorough investigations of extrajudicial and political killings;

(2) is cooperating with United States authorities in the investigations of political and extrajudicial killings;

(3) has substantially completed privatization of (or placed under long-term private management or concession) at least three

major public enterprises; and

(4) has taken action to remove from the Haitian National Police, national palace and residential guard, ministerial guard, and any other public security entity of Haiti those individuals who are credibly alleged to have engaged in or conspired to conceal gross violations of internationally recognized human rights.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The limitation in subsection (a) does not apply to the provision of humanitarian, electoral, counter-narcotics, or law enforcement assistance.

(c) WAIVER.—The President may waive the requirements of this section on a semiannual basis if the President determines and certifies to the appropriate committees of Congress that such waiver is in the national interest of the United States.

(d) PARASTATALS DEFINED.—As used in this section, the term "parastatal" means a government-owned enterprise.

REQUIREMENT FOR DISCLOSURE OF FOREIGN AID IN REPORT OF SECRETARY OF STATE

SEC. 563. (a) FOREIGN AID REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—In addition to the voting practices of a foreign country, the report required to be submitted to Congress under section 406(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, fiscal years 1990 and 1991 (22 U.S.C. 2414a), shall include a side-by-side comparison of individual countries' overall support for the United States at the United Nations and the amount of United States assistance provided to such country in fiscal year 1997.

(b) UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE.—For purposes of this section, the term "United States assistance" has the meaning given the term in section 481(e)(4) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291(e)(4)).

RESTRICTIONS ON VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES

SEC. 564. (a) PROHIBITION ON VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS.— None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to pay any voluntary contribution of the United States to the United Nations (including the United Nations Development Program) if the United Nations implements or imposes any taxation on any United States persons.

(b) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR DISBURSE-MENT OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act may be made available to pay any voluntary contribution of the United States to the United Nations (including the United Nations Development Program) unless the President certifies to the Congress 15 days in advance of such payment that the United Nations is not engaged in any effort to implement or impose any taxation on United States persons in order to raise revenue for the United Nations or any of its specialized agencies.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section the term "United States person" refers to—
(1) a natural person who is a citizen or national of the United States; or

(2) a corporation, partnership, or other legal entity organized under the United States or any State, territory, possession, or district of the United States.

ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

SEC. 565. (a) Not more than \$40,000,000 of the funds appropriated in this Act under the heading "Economic Support Fund" may be made available for Turkey.

(b) Of the funds made available under the heading "Economic Support Fund" for Turkey, not less than fifty percent of these funds shall be made available for the purpose of supporting private nongovernmental organizations engaged in strengthening democratic institutions in Turkey, providing economic assistance for individuals and communities affected by civil unrest, and supporting and promoting peaceful solutions and economic development which will contribute to the settlement of regional problems in Turkey.

LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY

SEC. 566. (a) PROHIBITION OF FUNDS.—None of the funds appropriated by this Act to

carry out the provisions of chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 may be obligated or expended with respect to providing funds to the Palestinian Authority.

(b) WAIVER.—The prohibition included in subsection (a) shall not apply if the President certifies in writing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate that waiving such prohibition is important to the national security interests of the United States.

(c) PERIOD OF APPLICATION OF WAIVER.— Any waiver pursuant to subsection (b) shall be effective for no more than a period of six months at a time and shall not apply beyond twelve months after enactment of this Act.

LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CROATIA

SEC. 567. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by title II of this Act may be made available to the Government of Croatia to relocate the remains of Croatian Ustashe soldiers, at the site of the World War II concentration camp at Jasenovac, Croatia.

BURMA LABOR REPORT

SEC. 568. Not later than one hundred twenty days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor in consultation with the Secretary of State shall provide to the Committees on Appropriations a report addressing labor practices in Burma.

HAITI

SEC. 569. The Government of Haiti shall be eligible to purchase defense articles and services under the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), for the civilian-led Haitian National Police and Coast Guard: *Provided*, That the authority provided by this section shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE TO SECURITY FORCES

SEC. 570. None of the funds made available by this Act may be provided to any unit of the security forces of a foreign country if the Secretary of State has credible evidence that such unit has committed gross violations of human rights, unless the Secretary determines and reports to the Committees on Appropriations that the government of such country is taking effective measures to bring the responsible members of the security forces unit to justice: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to withhold funds made available by this Act from any unit of the security forces of a foreign country not credibly alleged to be involved in gross violations of human rights: Provided further, That in the event that funds are withheld from any unit pursuant to this section, the Secretary of State shall promptly inform the foreign government of the basis for such action and shall, to the maximum extent practicable, assist the foreign government in taking effective measures to bring the responsible members of the security forces to justice so funds to the unit may be

LIMITATIONS ON TRANSFER OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO EAST TIMOR

SEC. 571. In any agreement for the sale, transfer, or licensing of any lethal equipment or helicopter for Indonesia entered into by the United States pursuant to the authority of this Act or any other Act, the agreement shall state that the United States expects that the items will not be used in East Timor: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be construed to limit Indonesia's inherent right to legitimate national self-defense as recognized under the United Nations Charter and international law.

TRANSPARENCY OF BUDGETS

SEC. 572. Section 576(a)(1) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related

Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, as contained in Public Law 104-208, is amended to read as follows:

"(1) does not have in place a functioning system for reporting to civilian authorities audits of receipts and expenditures that fund activities of the armed forces and security forces;".

Section 576(a)(2) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, as contained in Public Law 104–208, is amended to read as follows:

"(2) has not provided to the institution information about the audit process requested by the institution.".

RESTRICTIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES PROVIDING SANCTUARY TO INDICTED WAR CRIMINALS

SEC. 573. (a) BILATERAL ASSISTANCE.—None of the funds made available by this or any prior Act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs, may be provided for any country, entity or canton described in subsection (d).

(b) MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE.—

(1) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall instruct the United States executive directors of the international financial institutions to work in opposition to, and vote against, any extension by such institutions of any financial or technical assistance or grants of any kind to any country or entity described in subsection (d).

(2) NOTIFICATION.—Not less than 15 days before any vote in an international financial institution regarding the extension of financial or technical assistance or grants to any country or entity described in subsection (d), the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall provide to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Banking and Financial Services of the House of Representatives a written justification for the proposed assistance, including an explanation of the U.S. position regarding any such vote, as well as a description of the location of the proposed assistance by municipality, its purpose, and its intended beneficiaries.

(3) DEFINITION.—The term "international financial institution" includes the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Development Association, the International Finance Corporation, the Multilateral Investment Guaranty Agency, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

(c) EXCEPTIONS.—

 $\stackrel{\hbox{\scriptsize (1)}}{}$ In General.—Subject to paragraph (2), subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to the provision of—

(A) humanitarian assistance;

(B) democratization assistance;

(C) assistance for cross border physical infrastructure projects involving activities in both a sanctioned country, entity, or canton and a nonsanctioned contiguous country, entity, or canton, if the project is primarily located in and primarily benefits the nonsanctioned country, entity, or canton and if the portion of the project located in the sanctioned country, entity, or canton is necessary only to complete the project;

(D) small-scale assistance projects or activities requested by U.S. armed forces that promote good relations between such forces and the officials and citizens of the areas in the U.S. SFOR sector of Bosnia;

(E) implementation of the Brcko Arbitral Decision;

(F) lending by the international financial institutions to a country or entity to support common monetary and fiscal policies at the national level as contemplated by the Dayton Agreement; or

- (G) direct lending to a non-sanctioned entity, or lending passed on by the national government to a non-sanctioned entity.
- (2) FURTHER LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)—
- (A) no assistance may be made available by this Act, or any prior Act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs, in any country, entity, or canton described in subsection (d), for a program, project, or activity in which a publicly indicted war criminal is known to have any financial or material interest; and
- (B) no assistance (other than emergency foods or medical assistance or demining assistance) may be made available by this Act, or any prior Act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing and related programs for any program, project, or activity in a community within any country, entity or canton described in subsection (d) if competent authorities within that community are not complying with the provisions of Article IX and Annex 4, Article II, paragraph 8 of the Dayton Agreement relating to war crimes and the Tribunal.
- (d) Sanctioned Country, Entity, or Canton.—A sanctioned country, entity, or canton described in this section is one whose competent authorities have failed, as determined by the Secretary of State, to take necessary and significant steps to apprehend and transfer to the Tribunal all persons who have been publicly indicted by the Tribunal.
 - (e) WAIVER.-
- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State may waive the application of subsection (a) or subsection (b) with respect to specified bilateral programs or international financial institution projects or programs in a sanctioned country, entity, or canton upon providing a written determination to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives that such assistance directly supports the implementation of the Dayton Agreement and its Annexes. which include the obligation to apprehend and transfer indicted war criminals to the Tribunal
- (2) REPORT.—Not later than 15 days after the date of any written determination under paragraph (e)(1), the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives regarding the status of efforts to secure the voluntary surrender or apprehension and transfer of persons indicted by the Tribunal, in accordance with the Dayton Agreement, and outlining obstacles to achieving this goal.
- (3) ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AFFECTED.—Any waiver made pursuant to this subsection shall be effective only with respect to a specified bilateral program or multilateral assistance project or program identified in the determination of the Secretary of State to Congress.
- (f) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—The sanctions imposed pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) with respect to a country or entity shall cease to apply only if the Secretary of State determines and certifies to Congress that the authorities of that country, entity, or canton have apprehended and transferred to the Tribunal all persons who have been publicly indicted by the Tribunal.
- (g) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—(1) COUNTRY.—The term "country" means Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, and Serbia-Montenegro (Federal Republic of Yugoslavia).

- (2) ENTITY.—The term "entity" refers to the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republika Srpska.
- (3) CANTON.—The term "canton" means the administrative units in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- (4) DAYTON AGREEMENT.—The term "Dayton Agreement" means the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, together with annexes relating thereto, done at Dayton, November 10 through 16, 1995.
- (5) TRIBUNAL.—The term "Tribunal" means the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.
- (h) ROLE OF HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.—In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary of State, the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, and the executive directors of the international financial institutions shall consult with representatives of human rights organizations and all government agencies with relevant information to help prevent publicly indicted war criminals from benefitting from any financial or technical assistance or grants provided to any country or entity described in subsection (d).

EXTENSION OF CERTAIN ADJUDICATION PROVISIONS

SEC. 574. The Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1990 (Public Law 101-167) is amended—

- (1) in section 599D (8 U.S.C. 1157 note)-
- (A) in subsection (b)(3), by striking "and 1997" and inserting "1997, and 1998"; and (B) in subsection (e), by striking "October
- (B) in subsection (e), by striking "October 1, 1997" each place it appears and inserting "October 1, 1998"; and
- (2) in section 599E (8 U.S.C. 1255 note) in subsection (b)(2), by striking "September 30, 1997" and inserting "September 30, 1998".
- ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO STOCKPILING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES FOR FOR-EIGN COUNTRIES

SEC. 575. (a) VALUE OF ADDITIONS TO STOCK-PILES.—Section 514(b)(2)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting before the period at the end the following: "and \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 1998".

(b) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THAILAND.—Section 514(b)(2)(B) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "Of the amount specified in subparagraph (A) for fiscal year 1998, not more than \$40,000,000 may be made available for stockpiles in the Republic of Korea and not more than \$20,000,000 may be made available for stockpiles in Thailand.".

DELIVERY OF DRAWDOWN BY COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

SEC. 576. Section 506 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2318) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (b)(2), by striking the period and inserting the following: ", including providing the Congress with a report detailing all defense articles, defense services, and military education and training delivered to the recipient country or international organization upon delivery of such articles or upon completion of such services or education and training. Such report shall also include whether any savings were realized by utilizing commercial transport services rather than acquiring those services from United States Government transport assets.";
- (2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (d); and
- (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:
- "(c) For the purposes of any provision of law that authorizes the drawdown of defense or other articles or commodities, or defense or other services from an agency of the

United States Government, such drawdown may include the supply of commercial transportation and related services that are acquired by contract for the purposes of the drawdown in question if the cost to acquire such commercial transportation and related services is less than the cost to the United States Government of providing such services from existing agency assets."

TO PROHIBIT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA SHOULD IT IMPLEMENT LAWS WHICH WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST MINORITY RELIGIOUS FAITHS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

SEC. 577. (a) None of the funds appropriated under this Act may be made available for the Government of the Russian Federation unless within 30 days of the date this section becomes effective the President determines and certifies in writing to the Committees on Appropriations and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives that the Government of the Russian Federation has implemented no statute, executive order, regulation or similar government action that would discriminate, or would have as its principal effect discrimination, against religious groups or religious communities in the Russian Federation in violation of accepted international agreements on human rights and religious freedoms to which the Russian Federation is a party.

(b) This section shall become effective one hundred fifty days after the enactment of

this Act.

U.S. POLICY REGARDING SUPPORT FOR COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA

SEC. 578. (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

- (1) The ancient Silk Road, once the economic lifeline of Central Asia and the South Caucasus, traversed much of the territory now within the countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Taiikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
- (2) Economic interdependence spurred mutual cooperation among the peoples along the Silk Road and restoration of the historic relationships and economic ties between those peoples is an important element of ensuring their sovereignty as well as the success of democratic and market reforms.
- (3) The development of strong political and economic ties between countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia and the West will foster stability in the region.
- (4) The development of open market economies and open democratic systems in the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia will provide positive incentives for international private investment, increased trade, and other forms of commercial interactions with the rest of the world.
- (5) The Caspian Sea Basin, overlapping the territory of the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia, contains proven oil and gas reserves that may exceed \$4,000,000,000,000 in value.
- (6) The region of the South Caucasus and Central Asia will produce oil and gas in sufficient quantities to reduce the dependence of the United States on energy from the volatile Persian Gulf region.
- (7) United States foreign policy and international assistance should be narrowly targeted to support the economic and political independence of the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia.
- (b) GENERAL.—The policy of the United States in the countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia should be—
- (1) to promote sovereignty and independence with democratic government;
- (2) to assist actively in the resolution of regional conflicts;

(3) to promote friendly relations and economic cooperation;

(4) to help promote market-oriented principles and practices;

(5) to assist in the development of infrastructure necessary for communications, transportation, and energy and trade on an East-West axis in order to build strong international relations and commerce between those countries and the stable, democratic, and market-oriented countries of the Euro-Atlantic Community; and

(6) to support United States business inter-

ests and investments in the region.

(c) Definition.—In this section, the term "countries of the South Caucasus and Central Asia" means Armenia, Azerbaijan, Geor-Tajikistan, gia, Kazakstan, Kyrgystan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

PAKISTAN

SEC. 579. (a) OPIC.—Section 239(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2199(f)) is amended by inserting ", or Paki-' after ''China''

(b) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT.—It is the sense of Congress that the Director of the Trade and Development Agency should use funds made available to carry out the provisions of section 661 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2421) to promote United States exports to Pakistan.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REPORTING TO CON-GRESS OF THE COSTS TO THE FEDERAL GOV-ERNMENT ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS **EMISSIONS**

SEC. 580. The President shall provide to the Congress a detailed account of all Federal agency obligations and expenditures for climate change programs and activities, domestic and international, for fiscal year 1997. planned obligations for such activities in fiscal year 1998, and any plan for programs thereafter in the context of negotiations to amend the Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC) to be provided to the appropriate congressional committees no later than November 15, 1997.

AUTHORITY TO ISSUE INSURANCE AND EXTEND FINANCING

SEC. 581. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 235(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2195(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2)(A) and inserting the following:

- (1) INSURANCE AND FINANCING.—(A) The maximum contingent liability outstanding at any one time pursuant to insurance issued under section 234(a), and the amount of financing issued under sections 234 (b) and (c), not exceed in the aggregate \$29,000,000,000.
- (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2); and

(3) by amending paragraph (2) (as so redesignated) by striking "September 30, 1997" and inserting "September 30, 1999"

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (2) of section 235(a) of that Act (22 U.S.C. 2195(a)), as redesignated by subsection (a), is further amended by striking "(a) and (b)" and inserting "(a), (b), and (c)

WITHHOLDING ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES VIO-LATING UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST LIBYA

SEC. 582. (a) WITHHOLDING OF ASSISTANCE.— Except as provided in subsection (b), whenever the President determines and certifies to Congress that the government of any country is violating any sanction against Libya imposed pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 731, 748, or 883, then not less than 5 percent of the funds allocated for the country under section 653(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 out of appropriations in this Act shall be withheld from obligation and expenditure for that country.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The requirement to withhold funds under subsection (a) shall not apply to funds appropriated in this Act for allocation under section 653(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for development assistance or for humanitarian assistance.

(c) WAIVER.—Funds may be provided for a country without regard to subsection (a) if the President determines that to do so is in the national security interest of the United

WAR CRIMES PROSECUTION

SEC. 583. Section 2401 of title 18, United States Code (Public Law 104-192; the War Crimes Act of 1996) is amended as follows-

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "grave breach of the Geneva Conventions" serting "war crime"

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "breach" each place it appears and inserting crime"; and

(3) so that subsection (c) reads as follows: (c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section the term 'war crime' means any conduct-

'(1) defined as a grave breach in any of the international conventions signed at Geneva 12 August 1949, or any protocol to such convention to which the United States is a

"(2) prohibited by Articles 23, 25, 27, or 28 of the Annex to the Hague Convention IV, Respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land, signed 18 October 1907:

'(3) which constitutes a violation of common Article 3 of the international conventions signed at Geneva 12 August 1949, or any protocol to such convention to which the United States is a party and which deals with non-international armed conflict; or

'(4) of a person who, in relation to an armed conflict and contrary to the provisions of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended at Geneva on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996), when the United States is a party to such Protocol, willfully kills or causes serious injury to civilians.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR LATIN AMERICA

SEC. 584. (a) EXPANDED IMET.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, should make every effort to ensure that approximately 30 percent of the funds appropriated in this Act for "International Military Education and Training" for the cost of Latin American participants in IMET programs will be disbursed for the purpose of supporting enrollment of such participants in expanded IMET courses.

(b) CÎVILIAN PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, should identify sufficient numbers of qualified, non-military personnel from countries in Latin America so that approximately 25 percent of the total number of individuals from Latin American countries attending United States supported IMET programs and the Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies at the National De-

fense University are civilians.
(c) REPORT.—Not later than twelve months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall report in writing to the appropriate committees of the Congress on the progress made to improve military training of Latin American participants in the areas of human rights and civilian control of the military. The Secretary shall include in the report plans for implementing additional expanded IMET programs for Latin America during the next three fiscal years.

AID TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

SEC. 585. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be

provided to the central Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo until such time as the President reports in writing to the Congress that the central Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo is cooperating fully with investigators from the United Nations in accounting for human rights violations committed in the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjacent countries

ASSISTANCE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

SEC. 586. Of the funds appropriated by this Act under the headings "Economic Support Fund", "Foreign Military Financing", 'International Military Education and Training", "Peacekeeping Operations" refugees resettling in Israel under the heading "Migration and Refugee Assistance", and for assistance for Israel to carry out provisions of chapter 8 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 under the heading "Nonproliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining, and Related Programs'', not more than a total of \$5,402,850,000 may be made available for Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza, the Israel-Lebanon Monitoring Group, the Multinational Force and Observers, the Middle East Regional Democracy Fund, Middle East Regional Cooperation, and Middle East Multilateral Working Groups: Provided, That any funds that were appropriated under such headings in prior fiscal years and that were at the time of enactment of this Act obligated or allocated for other recipients may not during fiscal year 1998 be made available for activities that, if funded under this Act, would be required to count against this ceiling: Provided further, That funds may be made available notwithstanding the requirements of this section if the President determines and certifies to the Committees on Appropriations that it is important to the national security interest of the United States to do so and any such additional funds shall only be provided through the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

AGRICULTURE

SEC. 587. The first proviso of subsection (k)under the heading "Assistance for the New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union" in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, as contained in Public Law 104-208, is amended by striking "not less than" and inserting in lieu thereof "up to". ENTERPRISE FUND RESTRICTIONS

SEC. 588. Section 201(l) of the Support for East European Democracy Act (22 U.S.C. 5421(l)) is amended to read as follows:

'(1) LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS TO ENTER-

PRISE FUND PERSONNEL -

(1) No part of the funds of an Enterprise Fund shall inure to the benefit of any board member, officer, or employee of such Enterprise Fund, except as salary or reasonable compensation for services subject to paragraph (2).

(2) An Enterprise Fund shall not pay compensation for services to-

"(A) any board member of the Enterprise Fund, except for services as a board member;

"(B) any firm, association, or entity in which a board member of the Enterprise Fund serves as partner, director, officer, or employee.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (2) shall preclude payment for services performed before the date of enactment of this subsection nor for arrangements approved by the grantor and notified in writing to the Committees on Appropriations.".

CAMBODIA

SEC. 589. The Secretary of the Treasury should instruct the United States Executive Directors of the international financial institutions to use the voice and vote of the United States to oppose loans to the Government of Cambodia, except loans to support basic human needs.

EXPORT FINANCING TRANSFER AUTHORITIES

SEC. 590. Not to exceed 5 percent of any appropriation other than for administrative expenses made available for fiscal year 1998 for programs under title I of this Act may be transferred between such appropriations for use for any of the purposes, programs and activities for which the funds in such receiving account may be used, but no such appropriation, except as otherwise specifically provided, shall be increased by more than 25 percent by any such transfer: Provided, That the exercise of such authority shall be subject to the regular notification procedures of the Committees on Appropriations.

DEVELOPMENT CREDIT AUTHORITY

SEC. 591. For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, of direct loans and loan guarantees in support of the development objectives of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA), up to \$7,500,000, which amount may be derived by transfer from funds appropriated by this Act to carry out part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and funds appropriated by this Act under the heading "Assistance for Eastern Europe and the Baltic States'', to remain available until expended: *Provided*. That up to \$500,000 of the funds appropriated by this Act under the heading "Operating Expenses of the Agency for International Develop-ment' may be made available for administrative expenses to carry out such programs: Provided further, That the provisions of section 107A(d) (relating to general provisions applicable to development credit authority) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by section 306 of H.R. 1486 as reported by the House Committee on International Relations on May 9, 1997, shall be applicable to direct loans and loan guarantees provided under this paragraph: Provided further, That direct loans or loan guarantees under this paragraph may not be provided until the Director of the Office of Management and Budget has certified to the Committees on Appropriations that the Agency for International Development has established a credit management system capable of effectively managing the credit programs funded under this heading, including that such system: (1) can provide accurate and timely provision of loan and loan guarantee data; (2) contains information control systems for loan and loan guarantee data; (3) is adequately staffed; and (4) contains appropriate review and monitoring procedures.

AUTHORIZATION FOR POPULATION PLANNING

SEC. 592. (a) Not to exceed \$385,000,000 of the funds appropriated in title II of this Act may be available for population planning activities or other population assistance.

(b) Such funds may be apportioned only on a monthly basis, and such monthly apportionments may not exceed 8.34 percent of the total available for such activities.

This Act may be cited as the "Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1998'

And the Senate agree to the same. SONNY CALLAHAN, JOHN EDWARD PORTER, RON PACKARD, JOE KNOLLENBERG, MIKE FORBES, JACK KINGSTON, R.P. Frelinghuysen. BOB LIVINGSTON, NANCY PELOSI, SIDNEY R. YATES, NITA M. LOWEY, ESTEBAN E. TORRES,

DAVID OBEY, Managers on the Part of the House.

MITCH MCCONNELL, ARLEN SPECTER, JUDD GREGG, RICHARD SHELBY. R.F. BENNETT. BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL. TED STEVENS THAD COCHRAN. PATRICK J. LEAHY, DANIEL K. INOUYE. FRANK R. LAUTENBERG. TOM HARKIN.

Managers on the Part of the Senate.

When said conference report was considered.

After debate.

By unanimous consent, the previous question was ordered on the conference report to its adoption or rejection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, announced that pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV the yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, pursuant to clause 5(b)(1) of rule I, announced that further proceedings were postponed.

¶131.38 PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R.

Mrs. MYRICK, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105-403) the resolution (H. Res. 324) providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2607) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

 $\P 131.39$ Providing for the CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2607

Mrs. MYRICK, by direction of the Committee on Rules, called up the following resolution (H. Res. 324):

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2607) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, with Senate amendments thereto, and to consider in the House, any rule of the House to the contrary notwithstanding, a single motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the text with the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and disagree to the Senate amendment to the title. The Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Appropriations. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to final adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

When said resolution was considered.

After debate,

On motion of Ms. MYRICK, the previous question was ordered on the resolution to its adoption or rejection and under the operation thereof, the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶131.40 DC APPROPRIATIONS—FY 1998

Mr. LIVINGSTON, pursuant to House Resolution 324, moved to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2607) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes; with the amendments of the Senate thereto, and agree to the amendment of the Senate to the text with the following amendment, and disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the title:

On page 1, line 1, strike all through line 7. On page 1, line 8, strike "The" and insert "That that

On page 2, line 2, strike all from "to"

through "Act," on line 3. On page 11, line 20, after the word "fund"

insert "described in section 172 of this Act". On page 12, line 8, strike "all". On page 34, line 16, after "or" insert "pre-

viously

On page 44, line 15, before the period, in-, except that the Chief Financial Officer may not reprogram for operating expenses any funds derived from bonds, notes, or other obligations issued for capital projects"

On page 46, after line 9, insert: (c) REPORT ON EXPENDITURES BY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MANAGEMENT ASSIST-ANCE AUTHORITY.—Not later than 20 calendar days after the end of each fiscal quarter starting October 1, 1997, the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House, and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate providing an itemized accounting of all non-appropriated funds obligated or expended by the Authority for the quarter. The report shall include information on the date, amount, purpose, and vendor name, and a description of the services or goods provided with respect to the expenditures of such funds.

On page 47, line 21 strike "\$5,000,000" and insert ''\$12.000.000''

On page 59, line 11 strike "(f)" and insert

On page 77, line 17, strike all through page 78. line 2.

On page 78, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 166. Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal or District of Columbia law applicable to a reemployed annuitant's entitlement to retirement or pension benefits, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management may waive the provisions of section 8344 of title 5 of the United States Code for any reemployed annuitants appointed heretofore or hereafter as a Trustee under section 11202 or 11232 of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, or, at the request of such a Trustee, for any employee of such Trustee. SEC. 167. Section 2203(i)(2)(A) of the Dis-

trict of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995

(Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 3009-504; D.C. Code 31-2853.13(i)(2)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

(A) IN GENERAL.-

"(i) ANNUAL LIMIT.—Subject to subparagraph (B) and clause (ii), during calendar year 1997, and during each subsequent calendar year, each eligible chartering authority shall not approve more than 10 petitions to establish a public charter school under this subtitle.

"(ii) TIMETABLE.—Any petition approved under clause (i) shall be approved during an application approval period that terminates on April 1 of each year. Such an approval period may commence before or after January 1, of the calendar year in which it terminates, except that any petition approved at any time during such an approval period shall count, for purposes of clause (i), against the total number of petitions approved during the calendar year in which the

approval period terminates.".
SEC. 168. Section 2205(a) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-122; D.C. code 31 2853.15(a)) is amended by striking "7," and inserting "15,".

SEC. 169. Section 221(g) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-133; D.C. Code 31-2853.24(g)) is amended by inserting "to the Board" after "appropriated".

SEC. 170. Section 2401(b)(3)(B) of the Dis-

trict of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-137; D.C. Code 31-2853.41(b)(3)(B)) is amended-

(1) in clause (i), by striking "or";
(2) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: "(iii) to whom the school provides room

and board in a residential setting.

SEC. 171. Section 2401(b)(3) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-137; D.C. Code 31-2853.41(b)(3) is amended by adding at the end the following:

(C) ADJUSTMENT FOR FACILITIES COSTS.-Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Mayor and the District of Columbia Council, in consultation with the Board of Education and the Superintendent, shall adjust the amount of the annual payment under paragraph (1) to increase the amount of such payment for a public charter school to take into account leases or purchases of, or improvements to, real property, if the school, not later than April 1 of the fiscal year preceding the payment, requests such an adjustment.

SEC. 172. (a) PAYMENTS TO NEW CHARTER SCHOOLS.—Section 2403(b) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-134: 110 Stat. 1321-140: D.C. Code 31-2853.43(b) is amended to read as follows:

(b) Payments to New Schools.

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—There is established in the general fund of the District of Columbia a fund to be known as the 'New Charter School Fund'.

'(2) CONTENTS OF FUND.—The New Charter School Fund shall consist of-

'(A) unexpended and unobligated amounts appropriated from local funds for public charter schools for fiscal year 1997 and subsequent fiscal years that reverted to the general fund of the District of Columbia;

"(B) amounts credited to the fund in accordance with this subsection upon the receipt by a public charter school described in paragraph (5) of its first initial payment under subsection (a)(2)(A) or its first final payment under subsection (a)(2)(B); and

(C) any interest earned on such amounts.

"(3) EXPENDITURES FROM FUND.-

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 1998, and not later than June 1 of each year thereafter, the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia shall pay, from the New

Charter School fund, to each public charter school described in paragraph (5), an amount equal to 25 percent of the amount yielded by multiplying the uniform dollar amount used in the formula established under section 2401 (b) by the total anticipated enrollment as set forth in the petition to establish the public charter school.

(B) PRO RATA REDUCTION.—If the amounts in the New Charter School Fund for any year are insufficient to pay the full amount that each public charter school described in paragraph (5) is eligible to receive under this subsection for such year, the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia shall ratably reduce such amounts for such year on the basis of the formula described in section 2401(b).

"(C) FORM OF PAYMENT.—Payments under this subsection shall be made by electronic funds transfer from the New Charter School Fund to a bank designated by a public charter school.

"(4) CREDITS TO FUND.—Upon the receipt by a public charter school described in para-

graph (5) of-

(A) its first initial payment under subsection (a)(2)(A), the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia shall credit the New Charter School Fund with 75 percent of the amount paid to the school under paragraph (3); and

"(B) its first final payment under subsection (a)(2)(B), the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia shall credit the New Charter School Fund with 25 percent of the amount paid to the school under para-

graph (3).
"(5) SCHOOLS DESCRIBED.—A public charter school described in this paragraph is a public

charter school that

(A) did not enroll any students during any portion of the fiscal year preceding the most recent fiscal year for which funds are appropriated to carry out this subsection; and

(B) operated as a public charter school during the most recent fiscal year for which funds are appropriated to carry out this sub-

(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.-There are authorized to be appropriated to the Chief Financial Officer of the District of Columbia such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection for each fiscal

(b) REDUCTION OF ANNUAL PAYMENT.

(1) Initial payment.—Section 2403(a)(2)(A) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-139; D.C. Code 31-2853.43(a)(2)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

(A) INITIAL PAYMENT.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), not later than October 15, 1996, and not later than October 15 of each year thereafter, the Mayor shall transfer, by electronic funds transfer, an amount equal to 75 percent of the amount of the annual payment for each public charter school determined by using the formula established pursuant to section 2401(b) to a bank designated by such school.

(ii) REDUCTION IN CASE OF NEW SCHOOL.—In the case of a public charter school that has received a payment under subsection (b) in the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which a transfer under clause (i) is made, the amount transferred to the school under clause (i) shall be reduced by an amount equal to 75 percent of the amount of the payment under subsection (b).

(2) FINAL PAYMENT.—Section 2403(a)(2)(B) of the District of Columbia School Reform Act (Public Law 104-134; 110 Stat. 1321-139; D.C. Code 31-2853.43(a)(2)(B)) is amended-

(A) in clause (i)

(i) by inserting "IN GENERAL.—before "Exand

(ii) by striking "clause (ii)," and inserting "clauses (ii) and (iii),";

(B) in clause (ii), by inserting "ADJUST-ENT FOR ENROLLMENT.—" before "Not later MENT FOR ENROLLMENT.—" than March 15, 1997,"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

(iii) REDUCTION IN CASE OF NEW SCHOOL.— In the case of a public charter school that has received a payment under subsection (b) in the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which a transfer under clause (i) is made, the amount transferred to the school under clause (i) shall be reduced by an amount equal to 25 percent of the amount of the payment under subsection (b).".

This title may be cited as the "District of

Columbia Appropriations Act, 1998''

On page 99, line 22, strike all through line

On page 100, line 1, strike all through page 708, line 7.

After debate,

Pursuant to House Resolution 324, the previous question was considered as ordered.

The question being put, viva voce,

Will the House agree to said motion? The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, announced that the yeas had

So the House agreed to said motion. A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said motion was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendment.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (LEGISLATIVE DAY OF NOVEMBER 12), 1997

¶131.41 CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2159—UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the question on agreeing to the conference report (Report No. 105-401) on the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The question being put,

Will the House agree to said conference report?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, announced that pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV the yeas and nays were ordered, and the call was taken by electronic device.

Yeas 333 It was decided in the Nays affirmative Answered 1 present

131.42	[Roll No. 631] YEAS—333	
Abercrombie	Berman	Brown (CA)
Ackerman	Bilirakis	Brown (FL)
Allen	Bishop	Brown (OH)
Andrews	Blagojevich	Bryant
Armey	Bliley	Bunning
Bachus	Blumenauer	Burr
Baesler	Boehlert	Burton
Baldacci	Boehner	Callahan
Ballenger	Bonilla	Calvert
Barrett (WI)	Bonior	Camp
Bass	Bono	Campbell
Bateman	Borski	Canady
Becerra	Boswell	Cardin
Bentsen	Boucher	Carson

Castle

Boyd

Bereuter

Portman

Quinn

Chambliss Hutchinson Christensen Istook Jackson (IL) Clay Clayton Jackson-Lee Clement Clyburn Jefferson Jenkins Coble Collins John Johnson (CT) Conyers Cook Johnson (WI) Johnson, E. B. Cooksey Kanjorski Costello Cox Kaptur Kasich Coyne Kelly Cramer Kennedy (MA) Crapo Cummings Kennedy (RI) Cunningham Kennelly Danner Kildee Davis (FL) Kilpatrick Davis (IL) Kim Davis (VA) Kind (WI) Deal King (NY) DeFazio Kingston Kleczka DeGette Delahunt Klink Klug Knollenberg DeLauro DeLay Kolbe Dellums LaFalce Deutsch Diaz-Balart Lampson Dickey Lantos Dicks Largent Dingell Latham LaTourette Dixon Doggett Lazio Leach Dooley Dovle Levin Lewis (CA) Dreier Dunn Lewis (GA) Lewis (KY) Edwards Linder Ehlers Lipinski Ehrlich Livingston Engel English LoBiondo Lofgren Eshoo Etheridge Lowey Luther Evans Maloney (CT) Everett Maloney (NY) Ewing Manton Farr Fattah Manzullo Fawell Martinez Fazio Mascara Filner Matsui Foley McCarthy (MO) Forbes McCarthy (NY) McCollum Ford Fossella McCrery McDade Fowler Fox McDermott Frank (MA) McGovern McHale Franks (NJ) Frelinghuysen McHugh Frost McInnis Gallegly McIntosh McIntvre Ganske Gejdenson McKeon McKinney Gekas Gibbons McNulty Meek Gilchrest Menendez Gillmor Metcalf Gilman Goodlatte Millender-McDonald Gordon Goss Miller (CA) Granger Miller (FL) Green Mink Moakley Greenwood Mollohan Gutierrez Hall (OH) Moran (VA) Hamilton Morella Harman Murtha Hastert Nadler Hastings (FL) Nethercutt Havworth Neumann Hefner Ney Hill Northup Hilliard Nussle Oberstar Hinchey Hinojosa Obey Hobson Olver Holden Ortiz Hooley Owens Horn Oxley Hoyer Packard Hunter Pallone

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Wynn

NAYS-76 Aderholt Hansen Rahall Archer Hastings (WA) Roemer Barr Hefley Rogers Barrett (NE) Rohrabacher Herger Bartlett Hilleary Royce Hoekstra Rvun Barton Hostettler Sanford Berry Bilbray Hulshof Scarborough Sensenbrenner Blunt Hvde Inglis Brady Sessions Buyer Cannon Johnson, Sam Smith (NJ) Jones Solomon Chabot Kucinich Stearns Chenoweth Stump LaHood Coburn Lucas Sununu Condit Mica Tanner Taylor (MS) Thornberry Crane Minge Doolittle Moran (KS) Duncan Myrick Tiahrt Traficant Emerson Paul Ensign Pease Watkins Goode Goodling Watts (OK) Peterson (PA) Petri Weldon (FL) Pickering Young (FL) Graham Gutknecht Pickett Hall (TX) Pombo

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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NOT VOTING—22

Baker	Markey	Shuster
Combest	Meehan	Smith (OR)
Cubin	Neal	Stark
Flake	Norwood	White
Furse	Pryce (OH)	Yates
Gephardt	Radanovich	Young (AK)
Gonzalez	Riley	
Houghton	Schiff	

So the conference report was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said conference report was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶131.43 CONFERENCE REPORT ON H. RES. 301—UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, pursuant to clause 5 of rule I, announced the unfinished business to be the question on agreeing to the resolution (H. Res. 301) amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to repeal the exception to the requirement that public committee proceedings be open to all media.

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House agree to said resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. LAHOOD, announced that yeas had it.

Mr. MOAKLEY demanded a recorded vote on agreeing to said resolution, which demand was supported by one-fifth of a quorum, so a recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device.

It was decided in the	Yeas	241
affirmative	Nays	165

¶131.44 [Roll No. 632] AYES—241

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Aderholt Berman Bryant Bilbray Bilirakis Archer Bunning Armey Burr Baesler Bliley Burton Ballenger Buyer Callahan Blunt Barr Boehlert Bartlett Boehner Calvert Bonilla Barton Camp Campbell Bono Boswell Bateman Canady

Brady

Chahot Chambliss Chenoweth Christensen Clement Coble Coburn Collins Cook Cooksey Cox Crane Crapo Cunningham Davis (FL) Deal DeFazio DeLay Diaz-Balart Dickey Doggett Doolittle Dreier Duncan Dunn Edwards Ehlers Ehrlich English Ensign Everett Ewing Fawell Foley Forbes Fossella Fowler Fox Franks (NJ) Frelinghuysen Gallegly Ganske Gibbons Gilchrest Gillmor Gilman Gingrich Goodlatte Goss Graham Granger Greenwood Gutknecht Hall (TX) Hansen Harman Hastert Hastings (WA) Hayworth Hefley Herger Hill Hilleary Hoekstra Horn Hostettler

Castle

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Hunter Hutchinson Inglis Istook Jenkins Johnson (CT) Johnson, Sam Jones Kasich Kelly Kildee Kim Kind (WI) King (NY) Kingston Klug Knollenberg Kolbe LaHood Lampson Latham LaTourette Lazio Leach Lewis (CA) Lewis (KY) Linder Lipinski Livingston LoBiondo Lucas Luther Maloney (CT) Manzullo McCarthy (MO) McCarthy (NY) McCollum McCrery McDade McHugh McInnis McIntosh McIntyre McKeon Metcalf Mica Miller (FL) Minge Moran (KS) Morella Myrick Nethercutt Neumann Ney Northup Nussle Oxley Packard Pappas Parker Paxon Pease Peterson (PA) Petri Pickering Pitts Pombo Porte

Ramstad Redmond Regula Riggs Roemer Rogan Rogers Rohrabacher Ros-Lehtinen Royce Rvun Salmon Sanchez Sandlin Sanford Saxton Scarborough Schaefer, Dan Schaffer, Bob Schumer Sensenbrenner Sessions Shadegg Shaw Shays Sherman Shimkus Skeen Skelton Smith (MI) Smith (N.I) Smith (TX) Smith, Linda Snowbarger Snyder Solomon Souder Spence Stearns Stenholm Stump Sununu Talent Tanner Tauscher Tauzin Taylor (MS) Thomas Thornberry Thune Tiahrt Traficant Turner Upton Walsh Wamp Watkins Watts (OK) Weldon (FL) Weldon (PA) Weller Whitfield Wicker Young (FL)

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Conyers Costello Abercrombie Ackerman Allen Coyne Andrews Bachus Cramer Cummings Danner Davis (IL) DeGette Baldacci Barcia Barrett (NE) Delahunt Barrett (WI) Becerra Bentsen DeLauro Dellums Deutsch Bishop Dicks Blagojevich Dingell Blumenauer Dixon Bonior Dooley Borski Doyle Boucher Emerson Boyd Brown (CA) Engel Eshoo Brown (FL) Brown (OH) Etheridge Evans Cardin Farr Carson Fattah Clay Fazio Clayton Filner Clyburn Ford Frank (MA) Condit

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NOT VOTING-27

Baker Houghton Schiff Markey Meehan Combest Shuster Cubin Smith (OR) Davis (VA) Neal Stark Taylor (NC) Waxman Flake Norwood Gephardt Pryce (OH) Gonzalez Radanovich White Riley Sawyer Gordon Yates Hall (OH) Young (AK)

So the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶131.45 COMMITTEE ELECTION— MAJORITY

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Republican Conference, submitted the following privileged resolution (H. Res. 325):

Resolved, That the following Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Fossella of New York.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Fossella of New York.

When said resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

¶131.46 PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM CLAUSE 6(D) OF RULE X

Mr. SOLOMON, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 105–404) the resolution (H. Res. 326) providing for an exemption from the limitation of clause 6(d) of rule X for the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

¶131.47 SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

Bills and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 156. An Act to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 493. An Act to amend section 1029 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to cellular telephone cloning paraphernalia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. 537. An Act to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the mammography quality standards program; to the Committee on Commerce.

S. 1354. An Act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the designation of common carriers not subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission as eligible telecommunications carriers; to the Committee on Commerce.

S. 1505. An Act to make technical and conforming amendments to the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

S. 1511. An Act to amend section 3165 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 to clarify the authority in the section; to the Committee on National Security.

S. Con. Res. 67. Concurrent resolution ex-

S. Con. Res. 67. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the museum entitled "The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future," in Dallas, Texas, be designated as a millennium project for the United States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

S. 1115. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the one-call notification process, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition, to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 1506. An Act to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act (P.L. 104–272); to the Committee on Education and the Workplace, and in addition, to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 222. An Act to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition, to the Committees on Resources and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

¶131.48 ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 282. An Act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, New York, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building."

ing."
H.R. 681. An Act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, California, as the "Carols J. Moorhead Post Office Building."

ing."
H.R. 1057. An Act to designate the building in Indianapolis, Indiana, which houses the

operations of the Indianapolis Main Post Office as the "Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building."

Building."
H.R. 1058. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 150 West Maggaret Drive in Terre Haute, Indiana, as the "John T. Myers Post Office Building."
H.R. 1086. An Act to codify without sub-

H.R. 1086. An Act to codify without substantive change laws related to transportation and to improve the United States Code

H.R. 1090. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error.

H.R. 1377. An Act to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to encourage retirement income savings.

H.R. 1479. An Act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Northeast First Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "David W. Dyer Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 1484. An Act to redesignate the United States courthouse located at 100 Franklin Street in Dublin, Georgia, as the "J. Roy Rowland United States Courthouse."

H.R. 1840. An Act to provide a law enforcement exception to the prohibition on the advertising of certain electronic devices.

H.R. 2129. An Act to designate the United States Post Office located at 150 North 3rd Street in Steubenville, Ohio, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office."

H.R. 2366. An Act to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2564. An Act to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, as the "Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility."

H.R. 2631. An Act disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45.

H.R. 813. An Act to waive time limitations specified by law in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded to Robert R. Ingram of Jacksonville, Florida, for acts of valor while a Navy Hospital Corpsman in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict

H.J. Res. 91. Joint resolution the consent of Congress to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Compact.

H.J. Res. 92. Joint resolution the consent of Congress to the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin Compact.

H.J. Res. 105. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

¶131.49 SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 669. An Act to provide for the acquisition of the Plains Railroad Depot at the Jimmy Carter National Historic Site.

S. 714. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, extend, and improve programs for veterans.

S. 923. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit interment or memorialization in certain cemeteries of persons committing Federal or State capital crimes.

S. 1231. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the United States Fire Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1258. An Act to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that act.

S. 1347. An Act to permit the city of Cleveland, Ohio, to convey certain lands that the United States conveyed to the city.

¶131.50 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following date, present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

November 10, 1997:

H.R. 2631. An Act disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45.

H.R. 681. An Act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, California, as the "Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Build-

H.R. 282. An Act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 153 East 100th Street, New York, New York, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Build-

H.R. 1057. An Act to designate the building in Indianapolis, Indiana, which houses the operations of the Indianapolis Main Post Office as the "Andrew Jacobs, Jr., Post Office Building.

H.R. 1058. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service under construction at 150 West Margaret Drive in Terre Haute, Indiana, as the "John T. Myers Post Office Building.'

H.R. 1479. An Act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 300 Northeast First Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "David W. Dyer Federal Building and United States Court-

H.R. 2129. An Act to designate the United States Post Office located at 150 North 3rd Street in Steubenville, Ohio, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office.

H.R. 1484. An Act to redesignate the United States courthouse located at 100 Franklin Street in Dublin, Georgia, as the "J. Roy Rowland United States Courthouse.

H.R. 2564. An Act to designate the United States Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, as the 'Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility.

H.R. 1377. An Act to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to encourage retirement income sav-

H.R. 1747. An Act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize the design and construction of additions to the parking garage and certain site improvements, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 105 Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2731. An Act for the relief of Roy Desmond Moser.

H.R. 2732. An Act for the relief of John Andre Chalot.

H.R. 1787. An Act to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants.

$\P 131.51$ Leave of absence

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted-

To Mr. COMBEST, for today and balance of the week;

To Mr. RILEY, for today and balance of the week;

To Ms. PRYCE, for today; and

To Mr. YATES, for today after 6:15 p.m.

And then,

¶131.52 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. SOLOMON, at 12 o'clock and 37 minutes a.m., Thursday, November 13 (Legislative Day of November 12), 1997, the House adjourned.

¶131.53 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CALLAHAN: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2159. A bill making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-401). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 323. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2159) making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-402). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 324. Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 2607) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-403). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 326. Resolution providing for an exception from the limitation of clause 6(d) of rule X for the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight (Rept. No. 105-404). Referred to the House Calendar.

¶131.54 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of Rule X and clause 4 of Rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. WEXLER:

H.R. 3024. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the establishment of, and the deduction of contributions to, homeownership plans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DAVIS of Virginia (for himself,

Ms. NORTON, and Mrs. MORELLA): H.R. 3025. A bill to amend the Federal charter for Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. FROST, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. Forbes, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. GIBBONS, Mrs. TAUSCHER, MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. BER-MAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3026. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, relating to jurisdictional immunities of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, to grant jurisdiction to the courts of the United States for claims arising out of the destruction of Pan American World Airways Flight 103; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 3027. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the tax rate on tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means

By Ms. DELAŬRO (for herself, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. STARK, Mr. ACKERMAN, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Meehan, Mr. OLVER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. STOKES, Norton, Mr. Rush, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. YATES, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. WEYGAND):

H.R. 3028. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, to reduce the level of tobacco addiction, to compensate Federal and State Governments for a portion of the health costs of tobacco-related illnesses, to enhance the national investment in biomedical and basic scientific research, and to expand programs to address the needs of children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DUNN of Washington (for herself, Mr. Smith of Oregon, Ms. Furse, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, and Mr. PAUL):

H.R. 3029. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit certain tax free corporate liquidations into a 501(c)(3) organization and to revise the unrelated business income tax rules regarding receipt of debt-financed property in such a liquidation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GEKAS:

H.R. 3030. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow a Federal income tax deduction for payments to the Federal Government or any State or local government in connection with any tobacco litigation or settlement and to use any increased Federal revenues to promote public health; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HALL of Ohio (for himself, Mrs. EMERSON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 3031. A bill to establish the Bill Emerson and Mickey Leland memorial fellowship programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. MALONEY of New York:

H.R. 3032. A bill to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act and related acts to enhance the payments protections for subcontractors and suppliers on Federal construction projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. MEEK of Florida (for herself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida):

H.R. 3033. A bill to adjust the immigration status of certain Haitian nationals who were provided refuge in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SHAW (for himself. DEUTSCH, Mr. McCollum, Mrs. Meek of Florida, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mrs. Thurman, Mrs. Fowler, Mr. Canady of Florida, Mr. Diaz-Balart, Ms. Ros-Lehtinen, Mr. Gilman, Mr. GOSS, Mr. MICA, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Ms. Brown of Florida, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 3034. A bill to amend section 13031 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, relating to customs user fees, to allow the use of such fees to provide for customs inspectional personnel in connection with the arrival of passengers in Florida, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ŠKEEN: H.R. 3035. A bill to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. JENKINS, Mr. POMBO, and Mr. CALVERT):

H.R. 3036. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt small unincorporated farm businesses from the alternative minimum tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

> By Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. GIL-MAN, Mr. Goss, Mr. Yates, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. Frank of Massachusetts, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. HORN, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. ROTHMAN, and Mr. SHERMAN):

 $H.\ Res.\ 322.\ A\ resolution\ expressing\ the$ sense of the House that the United States should act to resolve the crisis with Iraq in a manner that assures full Iraqi compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions regarding the destruction of Iraq's capability to produce and deliver weapons of massdestruction, and that peaceful and diplomatic efforts should be pursued, but that if such efforts fail, multilateral military action or unilateral United States military action should be taken; to the Committee on International Relations.

¶131.55 MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

228. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution 37 memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to support House Bill No. 953 by Representative Patsy Mink, the Ovarian Cancer Research and Information Amendments of 1997; to the Committee on Commerce.

229. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution 36 memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to work together to promote and support practical methods of encouraging automobile manufacturers to address problems relating to child passenger restraint systems, as prescribed: to the Committee on Commerce

230. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Assembly

Joint Resolution 39 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act in a manner that accomplished prescribed objectives; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

¶131.56 ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 27: Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. NUSSLE, and Mr. CAMP.

H.R. 45: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 59: Mr. SANFORD, Mr. COOK, and Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky.

H.R. 68: Mr. CLEMENT and Ms. KILPATRICK.

H.R. 76: Mr. COOK.

H.R. 94: Mr. McHugh, Mr. Herger, Mr. WOLF, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. FORBES, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. PETRI, Mrs. Clayton, Mr. Sensenbrenner, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. PAXON, Mr. BACH-US, Mr. STUMP, Mr. GOODE, and Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky.

H.R. 107: Mr. ORTIZ.

H.R. 170: Mr. SUNUNU.

H.R. 182: Mr. ENGEL and Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H.R. 231: Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 233: Mr. PAUL.

H.R. 603: Mr. DOYLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 676: Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 687: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 746: Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

H.R. 859: Mr. GOODLING.

H.R. 864: Ms. FURSE and Mr. SANDLIN.

H.R. 900: Mr. LoBiondo. H.R. 906: Mr. SCARBOROUGH.

H.R. 979: Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. REYES.

H.R. 991: Mr. WEYGAND.

H.R. 992: Mr. CANNON and Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina.

H.R. 1062: Mr. PETRI.

H.R. 1114: Mr. KINGSTON and Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 1134: Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 1138: Mr. WELLER. H.R. 1140: Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 1170: Mr. SALMON.

H.R. 1174: Ms. STABENOW.

H.R. 1194: Mr. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 1195: Mr. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 1202: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. LAZIO of New York, and Mr. YATES.

H.R. 1232: Ms. ESHOO and Mr. POMEROY. H.R. 1289: Mr. ABERCROMBIE.

H.R. 1301: Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 1328: Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 1425: Mr. OWENS and Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 1426: Ms. DUNN of Washington.

H.R. 1515: Mr. SANDLIN.

H.R. 1614: Mr. THOMPSON. H.R. 1636: Mr. FORBES.

H.R. 1689: Ms. DELAURO and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.

H.R. 1749: Mr. WEYGAND.

H.R. 1766: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts and

Mr. GOODE. H.R. 1810: Mr. PAPPAS and Mr. GRAHAM.

H.R. 1872: Mr. HASTERT Mr. STEARNS, Mr. METCALF, Mr. LAZIO of New York, and Mr. BILBRAY.

H.R. 1915: Ms. Woolsey.

H.R. 2004: Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin.

H.R. 2023: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 2088: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.R. 2211: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. GREEN, and Mr. COYNE.

H.R. 2221: Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

H.R. 2253: Mr. OWENS, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, and Mr. POSHARD.

H.R. 2327: Mr. CONDIT, Mr. WELLER, Mr. BOEHNER, and Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 2348: Mr. DOOLEY of California.

H.R. 2351: Mr. Conyers, Mr. Manton, Mr. ANDREWS, and Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 2369: Mr. BURTON of Indiana. H.R. 2431: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 2454: Mrs. McCarthy of New York and Mr Pascrell

H.R. 2457: Mrs. McCarthy of New York and Mr. Pascrell.

H.R. 2474: Mr. WISE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WELLER, and Mr. HULSHOF.

H.R. 2485: Ms. FURSE and Mr. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 2492: Ms. LOFGREN. H.R. 2503: Mr. WEYGAND.

H.R. 2527: Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 2540: Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, and Mr. BISHOP.

H.R. 2560: Mr. Franks of New Jersey, Mr. SNYDER, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. GEPHARDT.

H.R. 2563: Mr. MASCARA, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. LoBiondo.

H.R. 2567: Mr. FILNER. H.R. 2593: Mr. BASS, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. Leach, Mr. Latham, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Talent, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Bateman, Mr. Foley, Mr. Ehr-LICH, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. KA-SICH, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BONO, Mr. HYDE, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DELAY, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. ORTIZ, and Mr. CLEMENT.

H.R. 2595: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 2602: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 2604: Mr. Franks of New Jersey, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr Riggs

H.R. 2611: Mr. METCALF, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COX of California, Mr. DREIER, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. HILL, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. McInnis, Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Neumann, Mr. Norwood, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Rohrabacher, Mr. Ses-SIONS, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WATKINS, and Mr. WOLF.

H.R. 2613: Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. BOSWELL, and Mr BISHOP

H.R. 2630: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 2664: Mrs. MINK of Hawaii and Mr. STARK.

H.R. 2681: Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Kucinich, Mr. WEYGAND, and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 2695: Mr. THOMPSON and Mr. FARR of California.

H.R. 2699: Mr. BENTSEN.

H.R. 2701: Mr. MATSUI, Mr. COYNE, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Engel, and Ms. Slaughter.

H.R. 2710: Mr. DICKEY.

H.R. 2733: Mr. TURNER.

H.R. 2734: Mr. EHRLICH.

H.R. 2741: Mr. BONO, Mr. RADANOVICH, and Mr. Riggs.

H.R. 2757: Ms. SLAUGHTER.

H.R. 2761: Ms. WOOLSEY.

H.R. 2774: Mr. Shays, Ms. Carson, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. EVANS, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LI-PINSKI, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. McCarthy of New York, Mr. Meehan, Mr. TIERNEY, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. WEYGAND, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. YATES.

H.R. 2783: Ms. CARSON and Ms. RIVERS.

H.R. 2796: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. STOKES, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, and Mr. HILLEARY.

- H.R. 2802: Mrs. THURMAN.
- H.R. 2803: Mr. KING of New York.
- H.R. 2804: Mr. THOMPSON.
- H.R. 2805: Mr. THOMPSON.
- H.R. 2826: Ms. McKinney, Mr. Cummings, Mr. McNulty, and Mr. LAFALCE.

H.R. 2827: Mr. COOK.

H.R. 2829: Mr. BISHOP, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. McInnis, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, and Mr. THOMPSON.

H.R. 2847: Mr. Brady, Mr. Watkins, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. POMBO, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. PICK-ERING, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. MICA, Mr. SISI-SKY, Mr. BLILEY, and Mr. KING of New York.

H.R. 2896: Ms. Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas.

H.R. 2912: Mr. WISE and Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina.

H.R. 2914: Mr. Leach, Mr. Clyburn, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 2921: Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. JOHN, Mr. MIL-LER of Florida, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LA-FALCE, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. WALSH, Mr. SKEL-TON, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, Mrs. Cubin, Mr. Burton of Indiana, Mr. Stenholm, Mr. Smith of Oregon, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. HAMILTON, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. SPRATT, and Mr. BISHOP.

H.R. 2929: Mr. PETRI, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SAN-FORD, and Mr. SMITH of Michigan.

H.R. 2930: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BAR-RETT of Wisconsin, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. CAMP, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. Ackerman, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Riley, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Deal of Georgia, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr McGovern

H.R. 2938: Mr. FOLEY.

- H.R. 2948: Mr. NADLER.
- H.R. 2955: Mr. POMEROY.
- H.R. 2958: Mr. KANJORSKI and Mr. GREEN-WOOD.

H.R. 2992: Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, and Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 2993: Mr. WHITFIELD.

H.R. 2997: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 3014: Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Ms LOEGREN

H.J. Res. 89: Mr. DEFAZIO.

- H. Con. Res. 80: Mr. WAXMAN.
- H. Con. Res. 106: Mr. SAXTON.
- H. Con. Res. 107: Mr. SKEEN and Mr. BAR-RETT of Wisconsin.
- H. Con. Res. 126: Mr. VISCLOSKY, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, and Mr. McGovern.

H. Con. Res. 162: Mr. McKeon.

H. Con. Res. 168: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. MAN-TON. Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. ENGEL.

H. Con. Res. 181: Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Visclosky, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Horn, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. Poshard, Ms. Furse, Mr. Kennedy of Massachusetts, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H. Res. 235: Mr. PALLONE.

H. Res. 251: Mr. FILNER, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. FROST, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Poshard, and Mr. Dellums.

H. Res. 267: Mr. EHLERS, Mr. LEACH, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. Inglis of South Carolina, Mr. Jones, Mr. WOLF, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. SHIMKUS.

H. Res. 279: Mr. TORRES, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. McDermott.

¶131.57 DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 1173: Mr. DAN SCHAEFER of Colorado. H.R. 2777: Mr. GEJDENSON.

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The House was called to order by the SPEAKER.

¶132.1 APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER announced he had examined and approved the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, November 12, 1997.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal was approved.

\$132.2\$ COMMUNICATIONS

Executive and other communications, pursuant to clause 2, rule XXIV, were referred as follows:

5913. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense, transmitting the report on the Deep Digger program required by Senate Report 105-29; to the Committee on National Security.

5914. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's semiannual report on the activities and efforts relating to utilization of the private sector, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1827; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5915. A letter from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's final rule—Technical Amendment to Definition of Deposits in Banks or Trust Companies [No. 97-38] (RIN: 3069-AA63) received May 27, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

5916. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education, transmitting Final Interpretations and Waivers—National Center or Centers for Research in Vocational Education, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5917. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the notice of final interpretations and waivers-National Center or Centers for Research in Vocational Education, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Work-

 $5918.\ A$ letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the notice of final regulations- Standards for Conduct and Evaluation of Activites Carried out by the Office of Educational Research and Improvement: Designation of Exemplary and Promising Programs, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5919. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Department of Education, transmitting the notice of final eligiand selection criteria—National Awards Program for Model Professional Development, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(B); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5920. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule— Prevailing Wage Policy for Nonagricultural Immigration Programsreceived November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5921. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting notification that no exceptions to the prohibition against favored treatment of a government securities broker or dealer were granted by the Secretary for the calendar year 1996, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3121 nt.: to the Committee on Commerce.

5922. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule-Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois [IL158a; FRL-5900-3] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5923. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule-Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Michigan [MI38-01-6734; FRL-5884-1] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5924. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Redesignation Request, Maintenance Plan and Mobile Emissions Budget for the Richmond Ozone Nonattainment Area [VA062-5030 and VA080-5030; FRL-5921-3] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5925. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Comprehensive Guideline for Procurement of Products Containing Recovered Materials [SWH-FRL-5909-6] (RIN: 2050-AE23) received November 13, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

5926. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Republic of Korea for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-15), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations

5927. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Ambassador Frank Wisner's report on the question of Russian-Iranian missile cooperation; to the Committee on International Relations.

5928. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled "Report of U.S. Citizen Expropriation Claims and Certain Other Commercial and Investment Disputes," pursuant to Public Law 103-236, section 527(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

5929. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule—Federal Open Market Committee; Rules Regarding Availability of Information [Docket No. R-0983] received November 12, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5930. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the semiannual report on activities of the Inspector General for the period ending September 30, 1997, and the semiannual management report on the status of audit followup for the same period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

5931. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, the U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period July 1, 1997,